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BIG COMICS
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2号店のパスタ場チーフに抜擢された伴は、
ニューヨークでの武者修行を終え帰国。
故郷・博多に立ち寄る。そこで見てしまったのは、
変わりゆく街、家族、友人、そして!?
料理人として、男として、今、伴の真価と成長が試される!!

SEKIYA TETSUJI
PRESENTS

Bambino!

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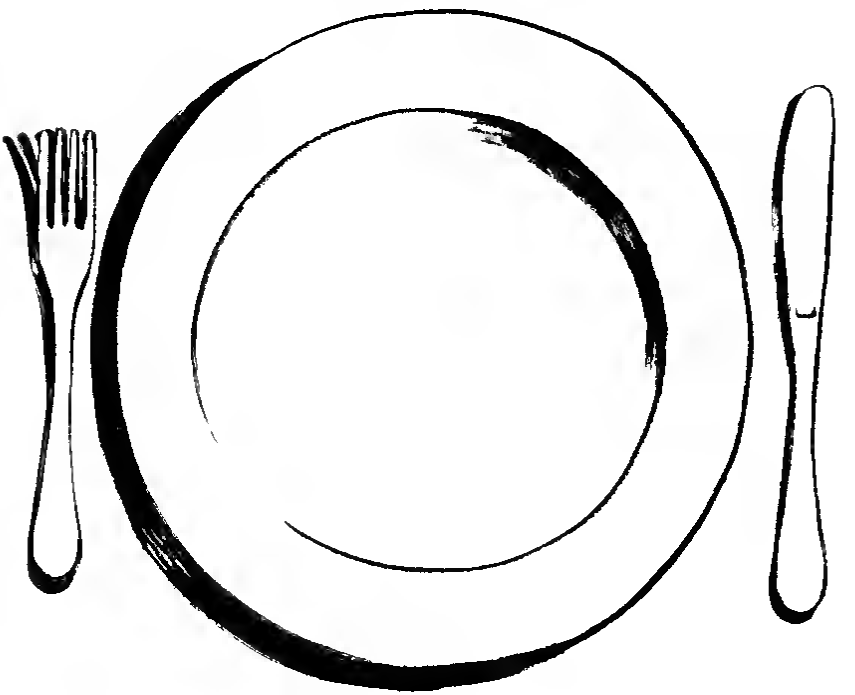

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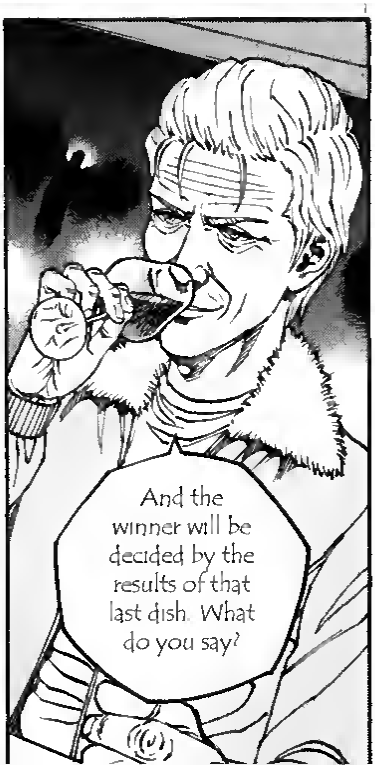

Do you want to live forever?
Give us another chance to make the food of our homeland
No telling when you might get a chance like this again
Why are you making our nation's food, when you aren't even Italians?
I'm sorry..
But this dish just isn't working for us.

I STILL HAVEN'T HEARD A SINGLE WORD OF PRAISE FROM THESE GUYS.
WITHOUT SHOWING THESE PEOPLE WHAT I GOT!
I CAN'T GO BACK TO JAPAN...

Chapter 143: Caccia (13)
I'LL DO IT!!

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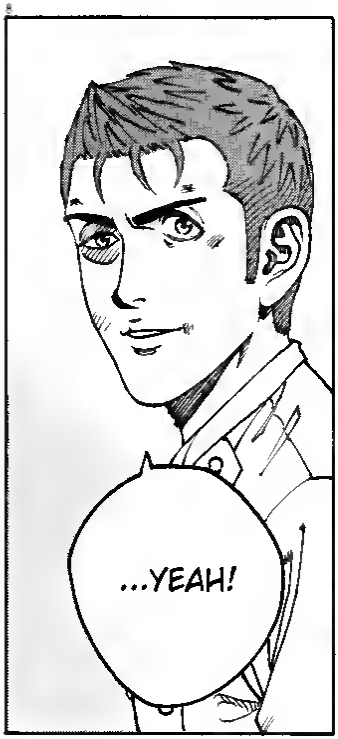
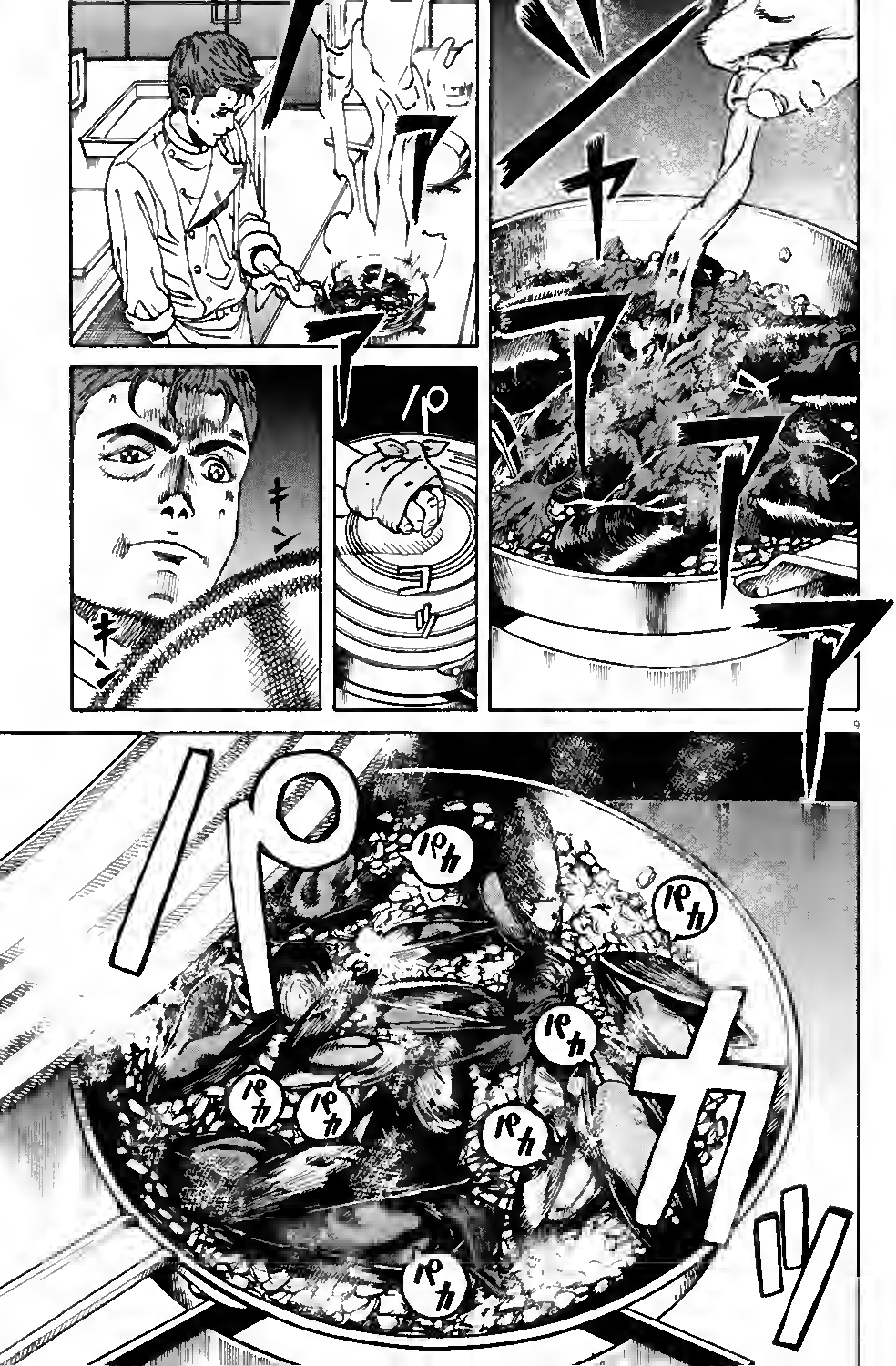
...WELL, THAT'D KINDA SUCK.
IF I LOSE TO THE LORENZOS HERE...
Bambi.
Everything's up to you now
WORST COMES TO WORST, I AIN'T COMING OUT OF THIS ONE ALIVE.

Make something that'll blow them all away!


...YEAH!

LET'S JUST FINISH THIS DAMN THING AND GO GET A GODDAMN DRINK.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RISOTTO WAS THE DISH THAT REALLY GOT ME INTO ITALIAN CUISINE.

COME TO THINK OF IT...

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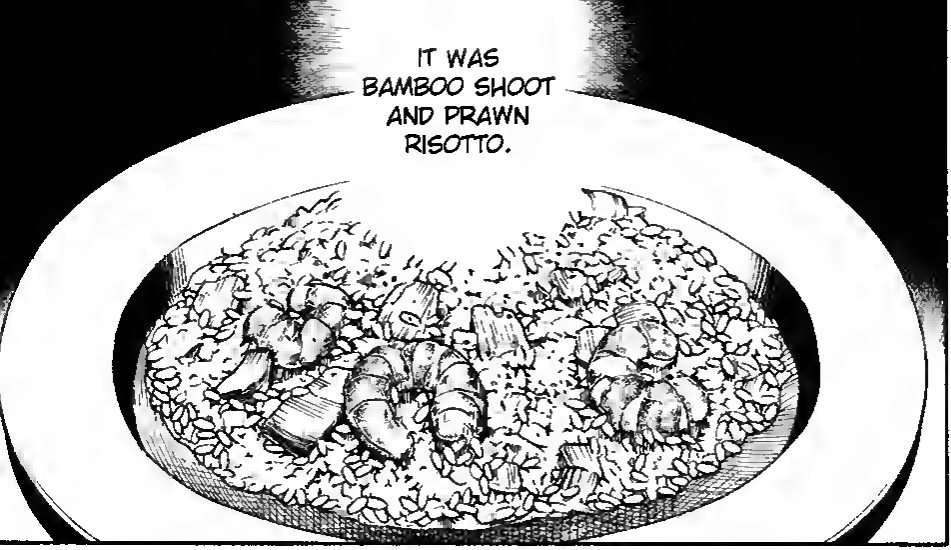
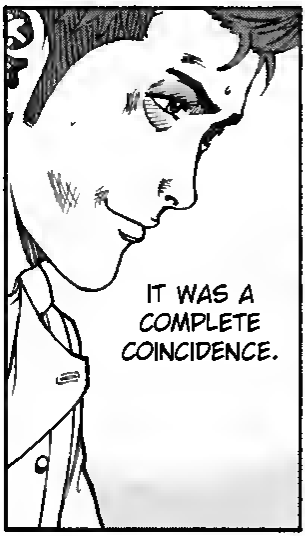
WELCOME.

IT WAS BACK AT SHIN-SHAN'S PLACE IN NAKASU, TRATTORIA SAN MARZANO.
TRATTORIA

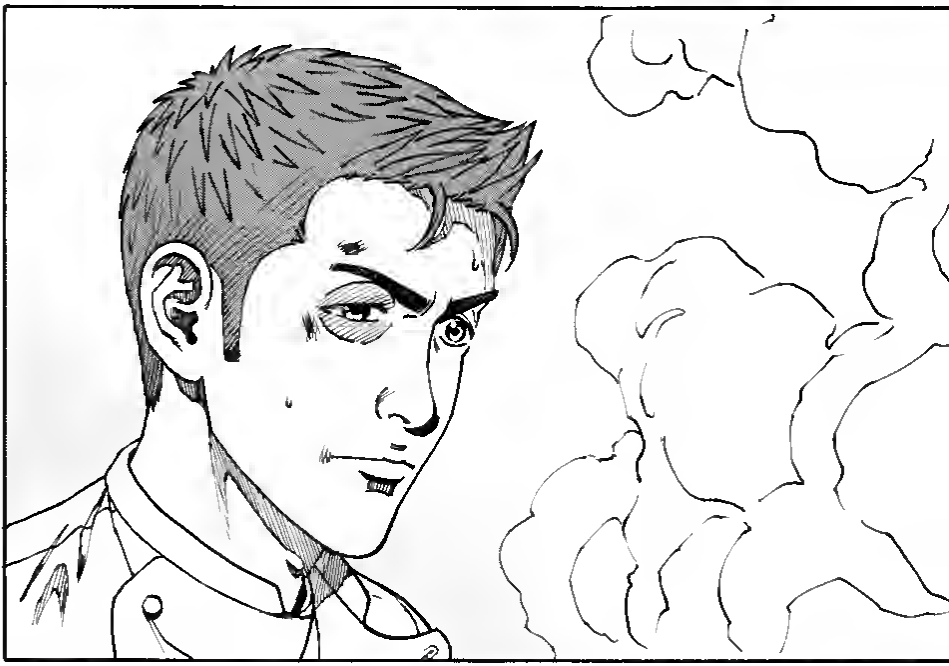

IT WAS BAMBOO SHOOT AND PRAWN RISOTTO.

I WOULDN'T BE STANDING HERE TODAY, COOKING AGAINST THE MAFIA IN NEW YORK.
IF IT WEREN'T FOR THAT DISH...


IT WAS A COMPLETE COINCIDENCE.

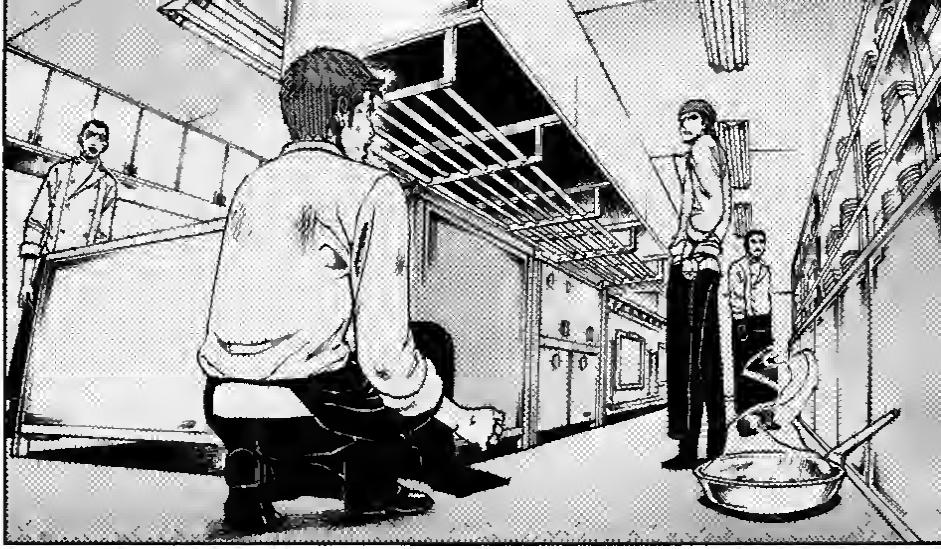
I STEPPED FOOT INTO THIS WORLD BECAUSE OF SHIN-SHAN'S COOKING.

Only Italians should be allowed to make Italian cuisine.



YEAH, IT WAS CHANCE THAT GOT ME STARTED COOKING ITALIAN...

BUT I'VE NEVER BEEN AS PASSIONATE ABOUT ANYTHING IN MY LIFE AS I AM ABOUT ITALIAN COOKING.
I LOVE ITALIAN CUISINE, AND I AIN'T GONNA COOK ANYTHING ELSE.

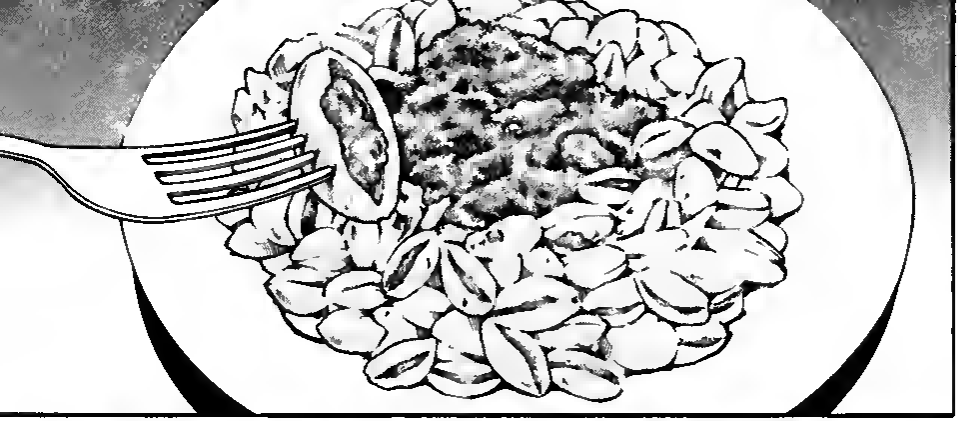


...I SEE NOW.
WHAT ME MAKING ITALIAN FOOD MEANS...
We're ready!

Cavatelli al riccio di mare!
Sea urchin cavatelli, eh.

WE'RE READY TOO!
YOU ASKED ME WHY I COOKED ITALIAN WHEN I'M JAPANESE, RIGHT?
HEY, YOU TWO.

Well this is my answer!



Each piece of handmade cavatelli has been stuffed with sea urchin to deepen the flavor.

Hunt

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Thank you
Where did these sea urchins come from?
They're from our hometown, Palermo
Thank you for this taste of the Mediterranean
Indeed
Mussel and Fresh Tomato Risotto, hmm.
And now, for Mister Ban's dish...

What's this?
What is this flavor?
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This isn't just the taste of tomato and mussel...
There's something in this I've never tasted before, bringing the mussel to life.
Tell us, young man. What is this delicious flavor?

Chapter 144: Caccia (14) Hunt

COOKING USING DASHIMA STOCK IS A COMMON TECHNIQUE BACK HOME.
I ADDED THIS STOCK TO THE DISH TO HELP UNLOCK THE FLAVOR HIDDEN IN THE MUSSELS.
AND AS FOR THE TOMATOES, THEY WERE GROWN FRESH RIGHT HERE IN NEW YORK.

I LEARNED HOW TO COOK FROM PEOPLE WHO WERE CRAZY ABOUT ITALIAN CUISINE.
IN OTHER WORDS...
I LEARNED THE TASTES THAT THEY REMEMBERED.
BUT FOOD ALWAYS HAS TO CHANGE ACCORDING TO THE TASTES OF THE PEOPLE WHO'RE EATING, THE PLACE WHERE YOU'RE COOKING.

IF COOKING IS A COLLECTION OF MEMORIES, OF ALL THE DELICIOUS THINGS A PERSON HAS EATEN...
AND MAKE SOMETHING TASTIER THAN THERE WAS BEFORE.
YOU USE THE INGREDIENTS YOU CAN FIND THERE.
SOMETHING MORE MEMORABLE.
ALL I WANT TO DO IS TO MAKE THOSE MEMORIES EVEN BETTER, AND SHARE THEM WITH OTHER PEOPLE.

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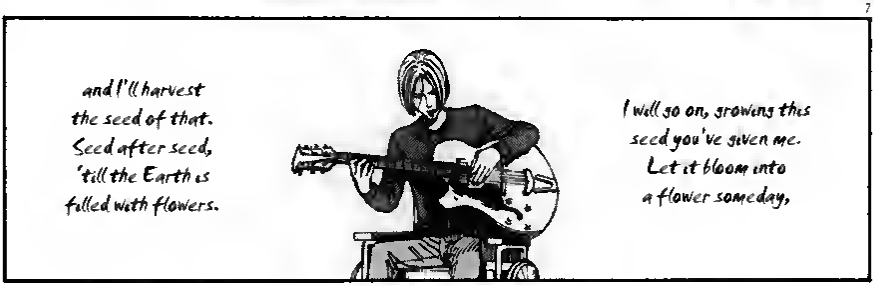
and I'll harvest the seed of that. Seed after seed, 'till the Earth is filled with flowers.
I will go on, growing this seed you've given me. Let it bloom into a flower someday,

...Bravo.
Technically speaking, this isn't traditional Sicilian.
But Sicilian cooking evolved and advanced to where it is today by taking in the cuisine of other countries
THIS IS SICILIAN CUISINE MADE BY A JAPANESE GUY IN NEW YORK.
THIS IS MY ITALIAN!

Bullshit!
The Giordano Family!
I can't accept this!
How could a Jap make better Sicilian than a Sicilian?!
Your way of thinking is nothing less than pure Sicilian!
Therefore, we declare the winner of this contest..

This is nothing but a goddamn farce!
Kill them!
Now!
Kill them all!
What're you waiting for, a fucking invitation?!
...Well?!

Signore Tornatore..
We admit defeat

His is the better dish.

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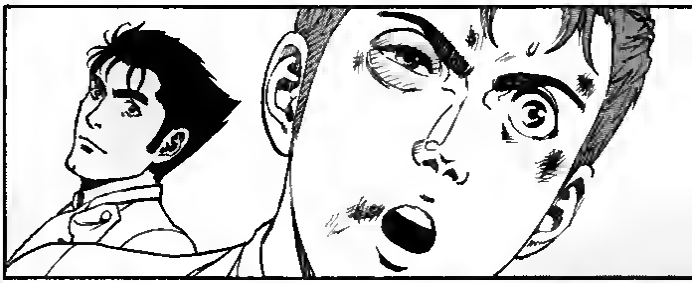

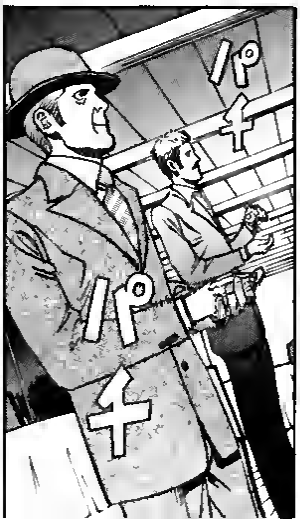
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Looks like we're back to training from square one, eh?
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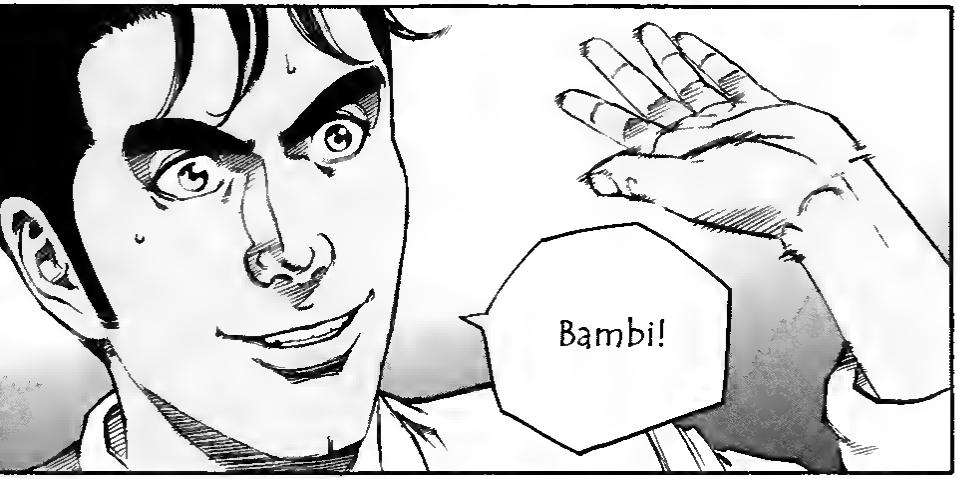
Bambi!

Looks like we win after all.
Mmm.
Boss..
And as for uniting the families.. Well, sometimes a dream stays a dream.
There's always a next time.
Oh, well.

UHH .. HEHEH. I DUNNO WHERE TO START. IT'S KIND OF A LONG STORY.

WHA— BAMBI!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!

I COULD REALLY USE SOME SLEEP!
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I'LL TELL YOU LATER.
BUT FOR NOW...
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Now.
I go.
To you.
Yes.
Chapter 145: Parte
Share

COME TO THINK OF IT, I PROBABLY WOULDN'T'VE MADE UP MY MIND TO COOK FOR THE MAFIA IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO PAY THIS BACK.
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You're gonna have to pay for this!
OKAY!
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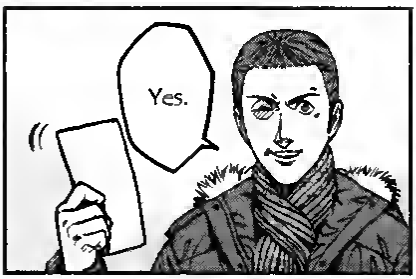
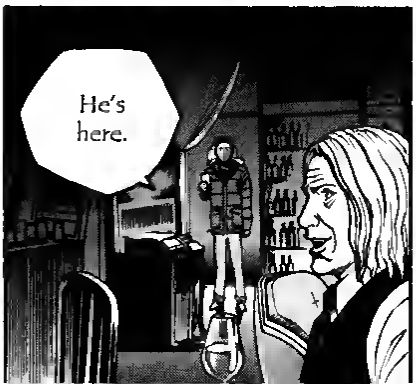
DON'T WORRY, I GOT YOUR TWO GRAND RIGHT HERE!


Yes.

Hello.
Pay back money?


He's here.

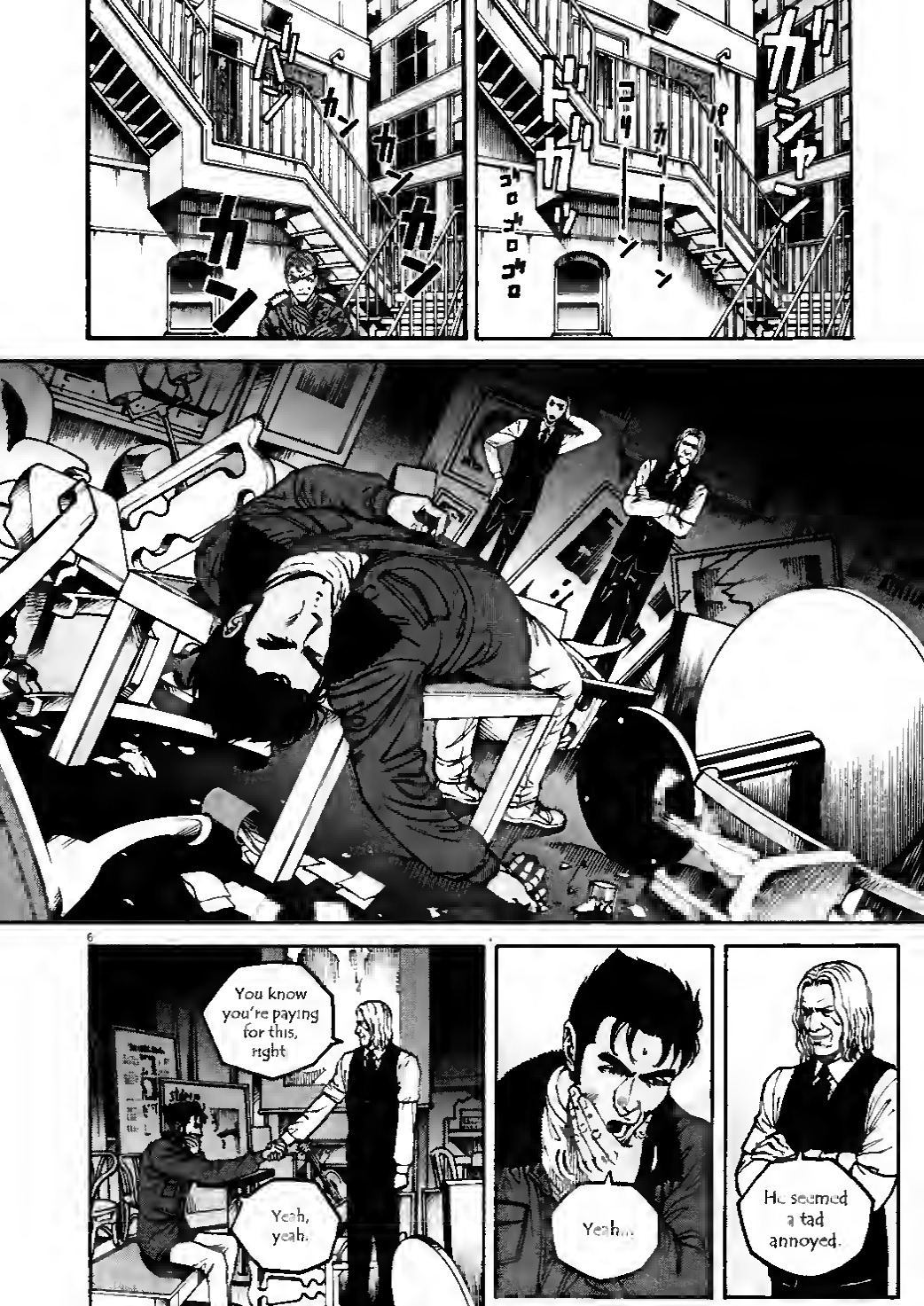
COYOTE-SHAN?
WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' HERE?
We're old friends.
I asked him to help me with you

That wine you broke was cheap.
Only changed the labels

YOU ASS-HOLES ...
WANNA FUCK WITH ME?!

You'd never have made the decision by yourself

Still, it was fun, right?
A rare chance to really live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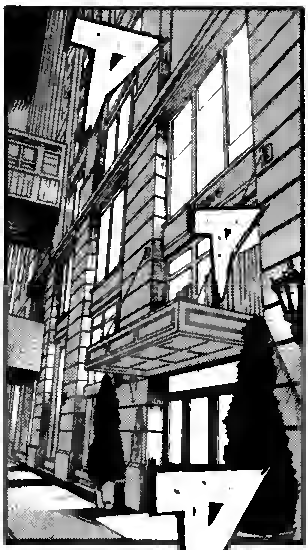
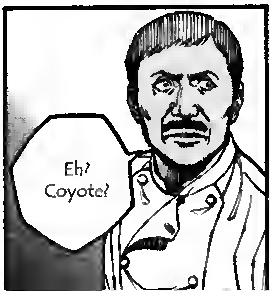
You know you're paying for this, right.
Yeah, yeah.
Yeah...
He seemed a tad annoyed.

THAT ASSHOLE... THE HELL WAS HE THINKIN'?!



Ah... sorry.
Is Mister Coyote not here today?


Eh? Coyote?

He quit yesterday.

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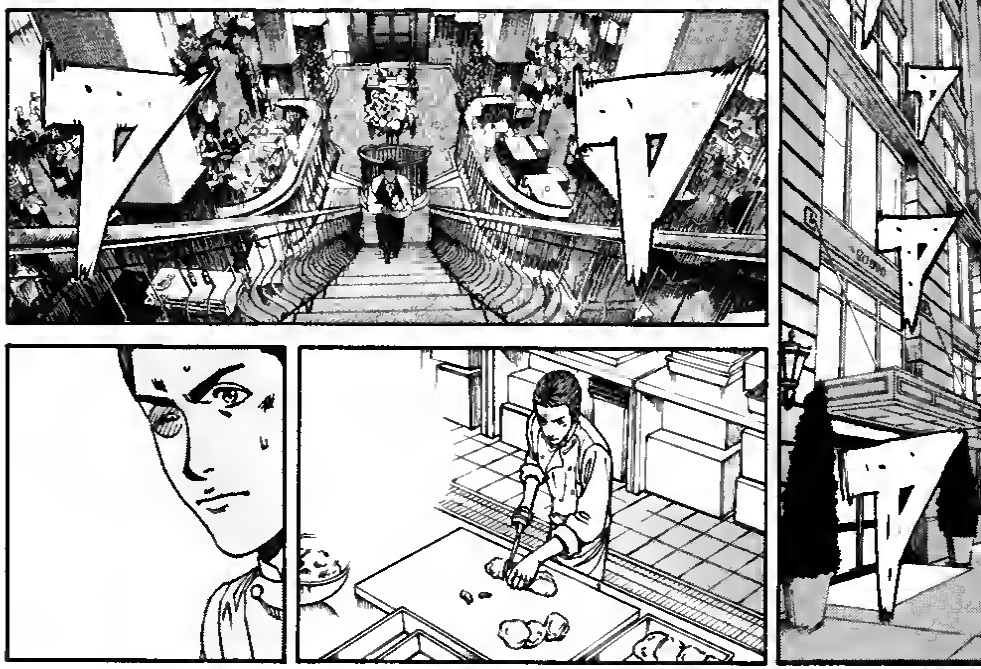
I JUST DON'T GET IT ARE ALL MEXICANS LIKE THAT?
AIN'T YOU AT LEAST SUPPOSED TO SAY "BYE" BEFORE YOU GO?
HE TRICKS ME AND LIES TO MY FACE AND THEN HE JUST LEAVES?

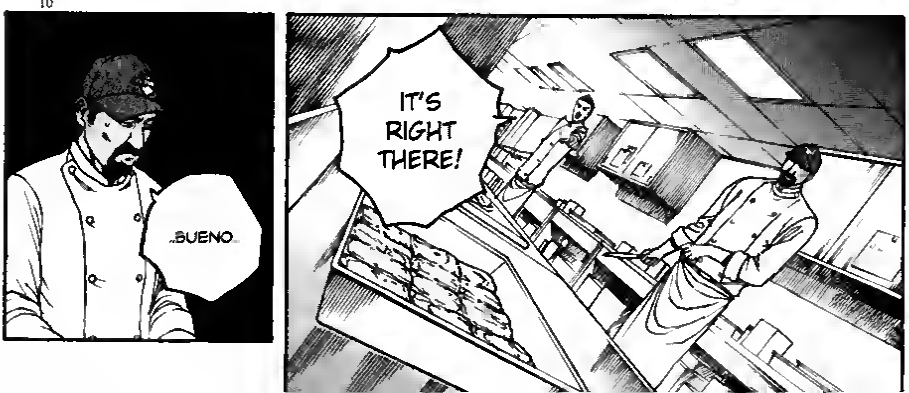
COUNTLESS PEOPLE FROM COUNTLESS CULTURES COME AND COEXIST IN THIS CITY.

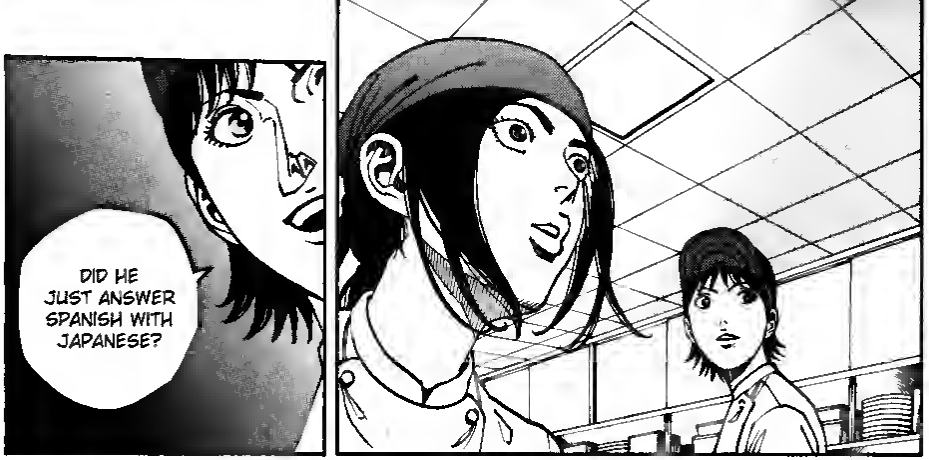
IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND THEM ALL.
JUST ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACCEPT THAT THERE'S A DIFFERENCE.

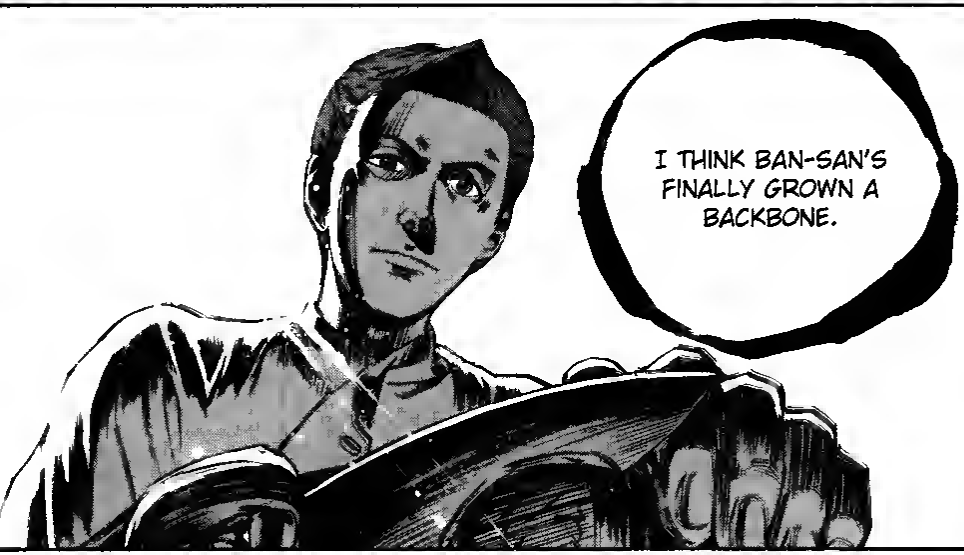
OKAY...



FINISHED IT AGES AGO!
¡OI, JAPONÉS! ¿TODAYÍA NO HAS TERMINADO DE PREPARAR LA CARNE?
(Hey Japanese! You prepared the meat yet?


..BUENO..
IT'S RIGHT THERE!


DID HE JUST ANSWER SPANISH WITH JAPANESE?

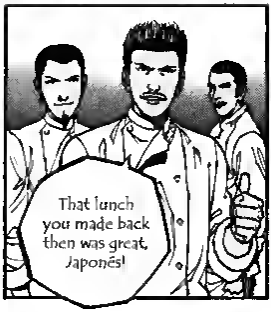

I THINK BAN-SAN'S FINALLY GROWN A BACKBONE.

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A SHORT VISIT BUT STILL THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING...
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THREE MONTHS HAVE GONE BY SO QUICKLY.

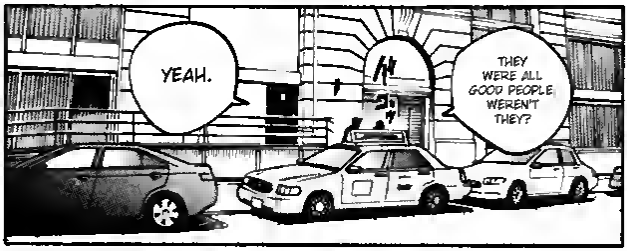
I'LL GIVE YOU A CALL WHEN I'M BACK IN JAPAN.
COOK ME SOMETHING TASTY THEN ALRIGHT?
OF COURSE!

I GUESS I'M NEVER SEEIN' COYOTE-SHAN AGAIN, THEN...

Thank you!


That lunch you made back then was great, Japonés!

You're welcome to come and visit any time


YEAH.
THEY WERE ALL GOOD PEOPLE, WEREN'T THEY?

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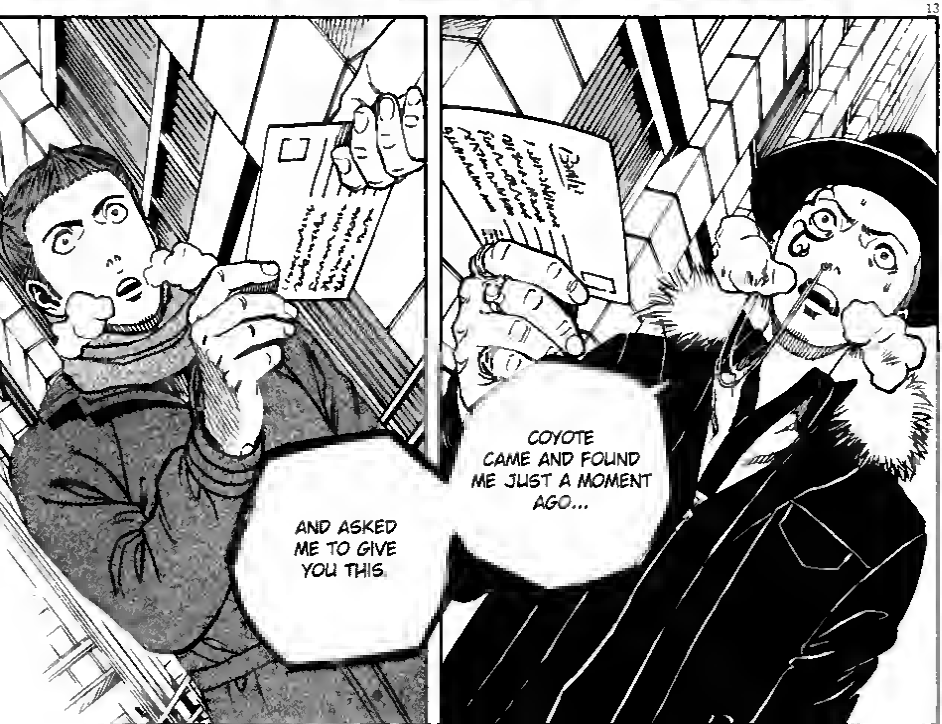
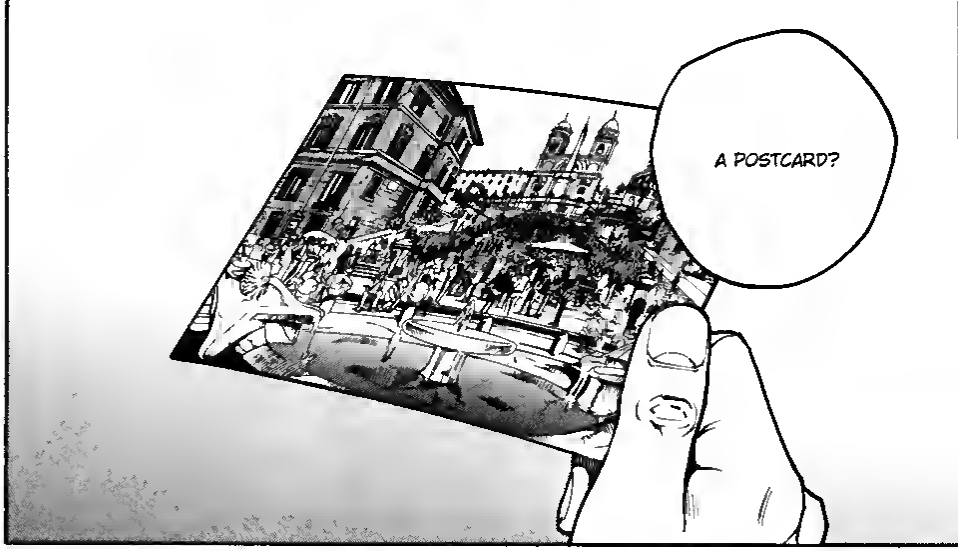
WHEW! GLAD I CAUGHT YOU BEFORE YOU LEFT!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
SHINJI-SHAN?!


Bambi
COYOTE CAME AND FOUND ME JUST A MOMENT AGO...
AND ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU THIS.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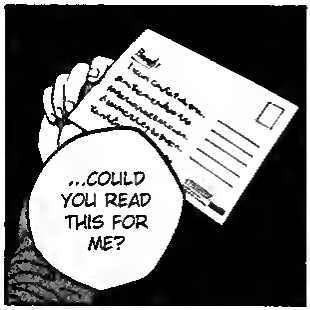
LET'S SEE... "TO BAMBI..."


...COULD YOU READ THIS FOR ME?

HELL IF I KNOW!
WHY DIDN'T COYOTE-SHAN COME SEE ME HIMSELF?

"I JUST GOT BACK FROM A LITTLE TRIP TO ITALY."
"I'M GOING TO WORK AT A RESTAURANT IN ROME."

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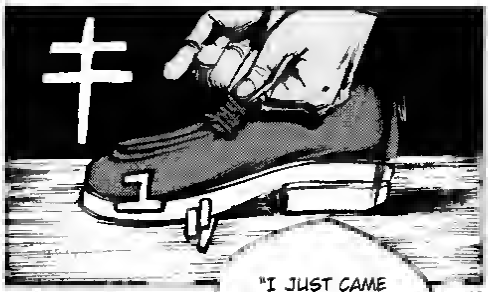
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"I JUST CAME BACK TO GET MY STUFF AND PACK MY BAGS. BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS I'LL HAVE LEFT AGAIN."
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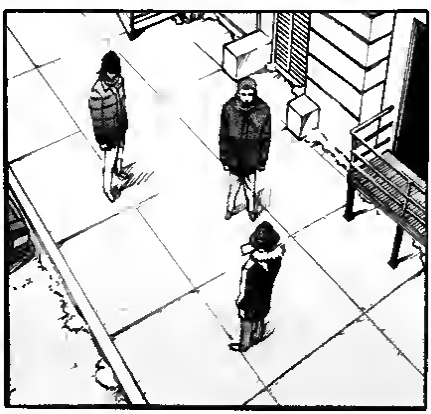
"I GOT INTO ITALIAN BY CHANCE,"
"BUT NOW IT'S A BIG PART OF MY LIFE AND I'M FINE WITH THAT."

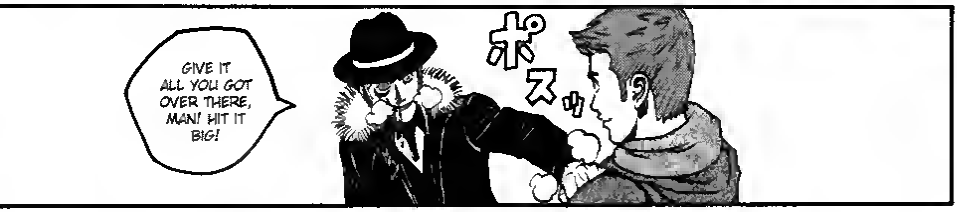
"SEE YOU AGAIN SOMEDAY. STAY ALIVE 'TILL THEN, WOULD YOU? COYOTE BLADES."

YEAH

ALWAYS HAS TO HAVE IT HIS WAY, EH.



SO WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO NOW, SHINJI-SHAN?
GONNA STAY HERE A LITTLE LONGER.
CAN'T GO BACK EMPTY-HANDED, CAN I?


GIVE IT ALL YOU GOT OVER THERE, MAN! HIT IT BIG!
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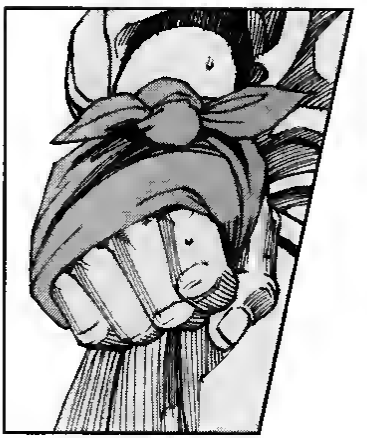
ANYWAY, SEE YA.
BYE!
YOU TOO, SHINJI-SHAN!
MAKE SURE TO GIVE ME A CALL WHEN YOU'RE BACK IN JAPAN I'LL COOK UP SOME REAL GREAT ITALIAN FOR YOU.
SAME FOR YOU, IF YOU EVER COME BACK TO NEW YORK.
I'LL GIVE YOU A TATTOO THAT'LL MAKE YOUR EYES POP OUT.



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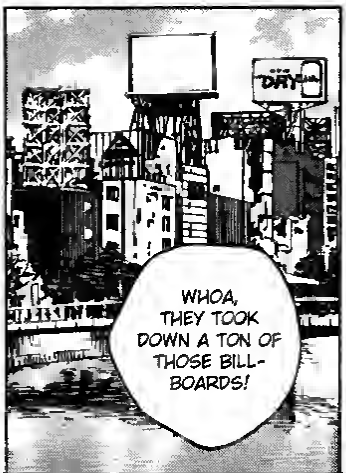
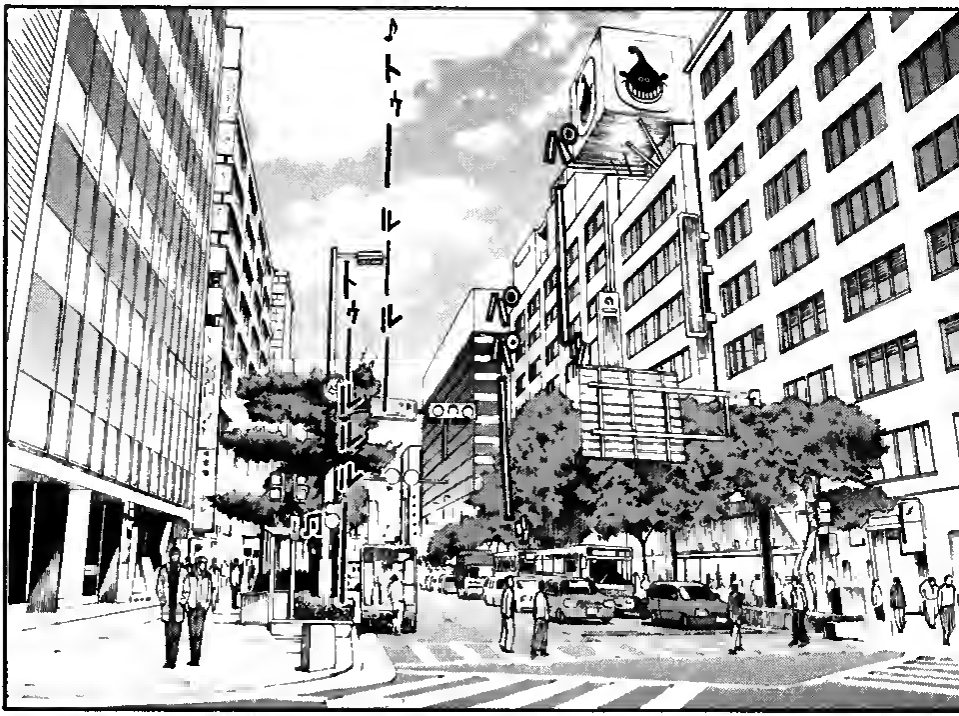

WHOA, THEY TOOK DOWN A TON OF THOSE BILL-BOARDS!

HUH?

THE ECONOMY'S NOT THAT GREAT, YOU KNOW.
WHEN'D THAT HAPPEN?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...HAH, MAN...

WHAT WAS THAT YA JUST SAID?
THIS IS SO GREAT! WHERE'D YOU FIND IT?

SO LIKE I WAS SAYIN'

I'M REALLY BACK IN FUKUOKA!

OH YEAH, AND BEFORE YOU COME BACK TO TOKYO...

I WANT YOU TO GO AND VISIT SHIN-SAN.
HUH?
YOU MEAN YOU WANT ME TO GO TO FUKUOKA?

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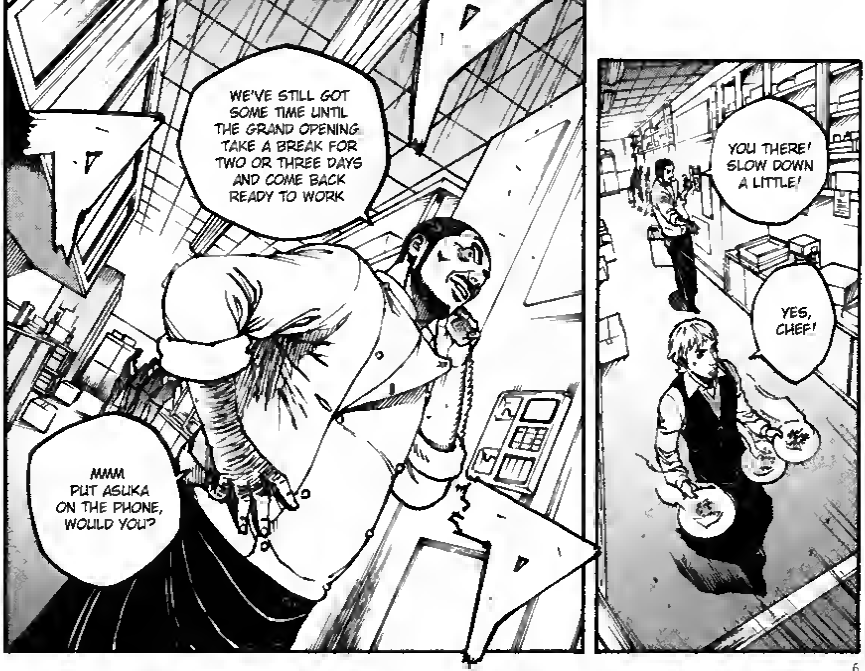
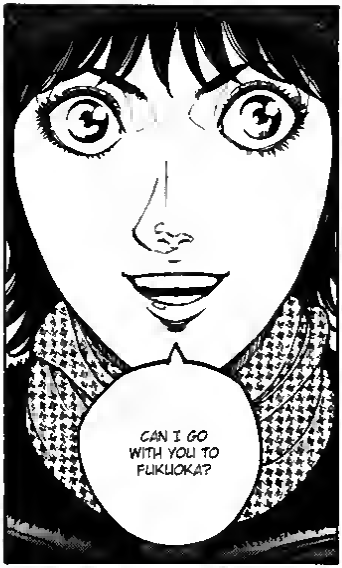
THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED YOU TO GET FROM HIM FOR ME.
DON'T I HAVE TO BE THERE TO COOK PASTA?
WAIT, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE NEW STORE?


WE'VE STILL GOT SOME TIME UNTIL THE GRAND OPENING. TAKE A BREAK FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS AND COME BACK READY TO WORK
MMM. PUT ASUKA ON THE PHONE, WOULD YOU?
YOU THERE! SLOW DOWN A LITTLE!
YES, CHEF!

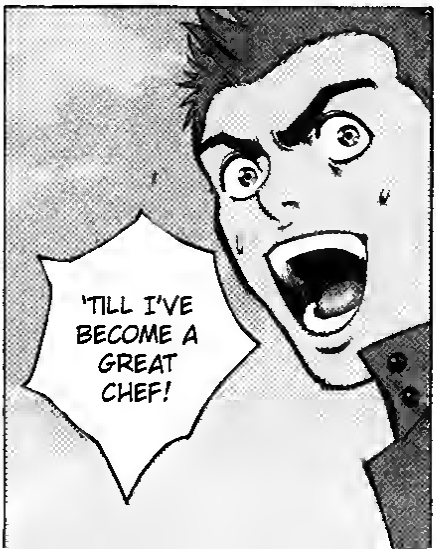
YES.
MM-HMM.
TAKE CARE, CHEF!
HELLO?
I HEAR THIS SHIN-SAN AND CHEF TEKKAN WENT TO ITALY TOGETHER TO LEARN COOKING?
YES... THANK YOU, CHEF.


CAN I GO WITH YOU TO FUKUOKA?

AND THE CHEF GAVE US A FEW DAYS OFF, SO...
I'D REALLY LIKE TO PAY A VISIT TO HIS RESTAURANT.

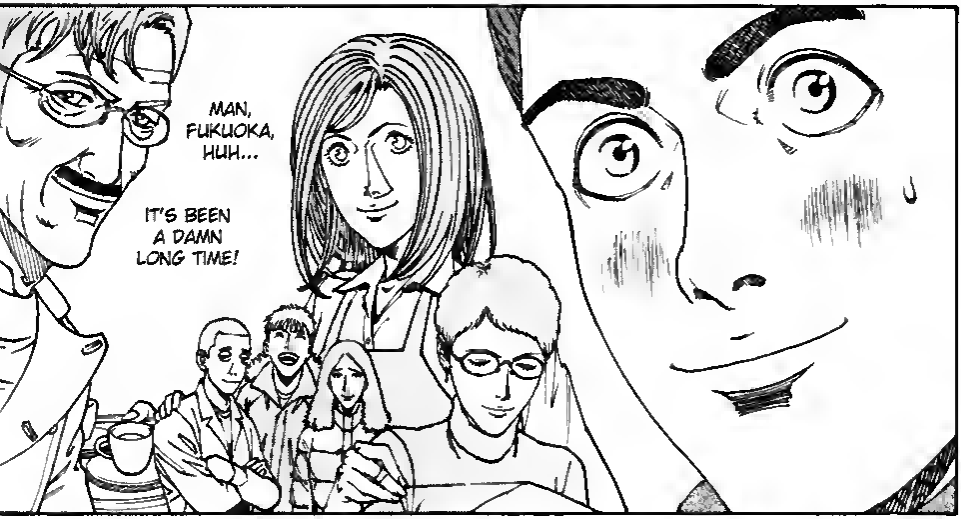
NOT GONNA LIE, I MISS FUKUOKA, BUT...
BACK WHEN I BROKE UP WITH ERI, I SAID...
SERIOUSLY?

YOU JACKASS!


'TILL I'VE BECOME A GREAT CHEF!

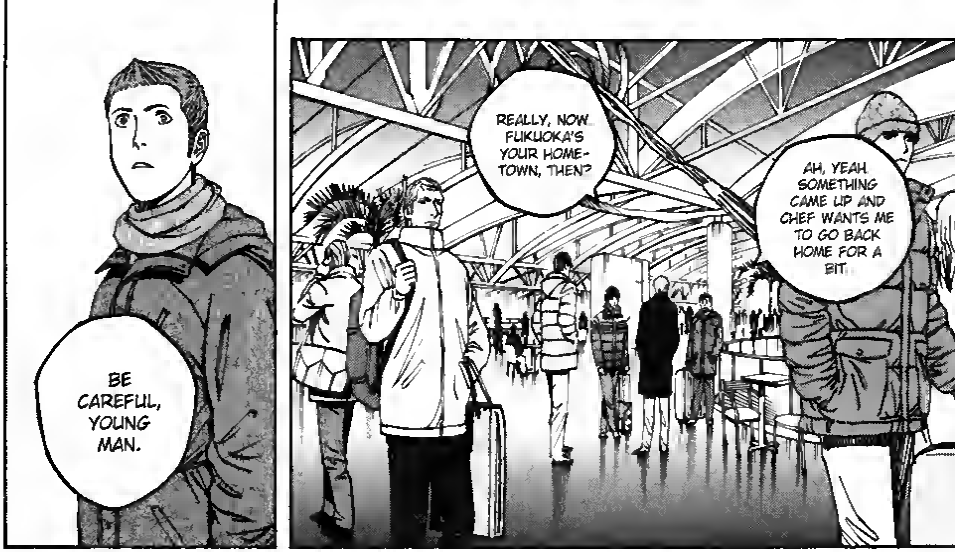
I AIN'T COMIN' BACK TO THIS PLACE...

BUT... I GUESS THIS DOESN'T COUNT. CHEF ASKED ME TO DO IT, SO IT'S OKAY.


MAN, FUKUOKA, HUH...
IT'S BEEN A DAMN LONG TIME!

GOING TO VISIT SHIN, MISTER BAN?

OH, REALLY? THANKS SO MUCH!
WELL... IF YOU NEED A PLACE TO STAY IN FUKUOKA, DO YOU WANNA STAY AT MY PLACE?


BE CAREFUL, YOUNG MAN.
REALLY, NOW. FUKUOKA'S YOUR HOME-TOWN, THEN?
AH, YEAH. SOMETHING CAME UP AND CHEF WANTS ME TO GO BACK HOME FOR A BIT.

YOU MIGHT HAVE GOOD MEMORIES OF THOSE PLACES, BUT THEY'LL HAVE CHANGED WHEN YOU GO BACK TO THEM.
YOU CAN'T TURN BACK THE CLOCK ON LIFE.

THE STREETS ARE SO CLEAN.

I KNOW, RIGHT?
AND EVERY-BODY ON THE STREETS LOOKS REALLY FASHIONABLE

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FUKUOKA'S GOT THE BEST OF BOTH THE SEA AND THE MOUNTAINS
AIN'T NOTHING WE DON'T HAVE AND THAT INCLUDES...

HERE YA GO!
...THE FOOD! IT'S AWESOME!
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IT'S SO DIFFERENT FROM NEW YORK HERE. I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE WE WERE THERE JUST YESTERDAY, AND NOW...
FUKUOKA'S GREAT! IN MY OPINION IT'S THE MOST PEACEFUL AN' EASYGOING CITY IN THE WORLD!

I GOT A COWORKER WITH ME TOO. FROM THE RESTAURANT
UH HUH. CAN I COME OVER?
HELLO? MOM?
HI. I'M BACK IN FUKUOKA YEAH. JUST GOT HERE.
NOW'S NOT THE BEST TIME, BUT. .
RIGHT NOW?
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ARE YOU SURE IT'S ALRIGHT? WON'T I BE BUTTING IN?
NAH, NAH, IT'S FINE! REALLY!
WHATEVER.
COME ON OVER.
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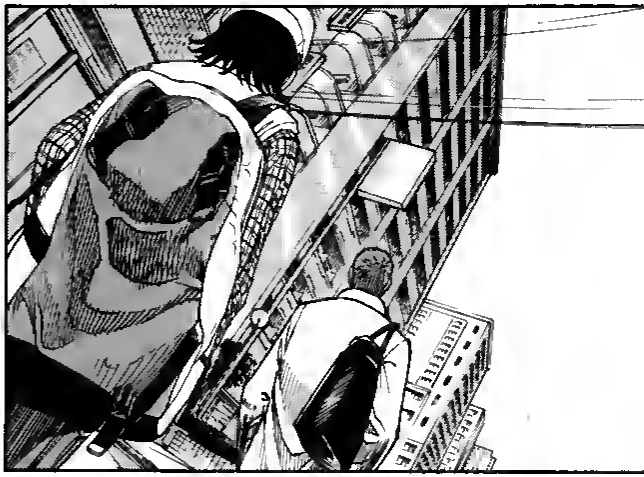


NO, WE'RE NOT LIKE THAT.
...NEW GIRLFRIEND?
WE'RE NOT LIKE THAT.

HEY, WHAT'S ALL THIS STUFF?
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
DIDN'T I TELL YOU A WHILE AGO?

YOUR FATHER AND I FINALLY AGREED TO GET A DIVORCE.

REALLY.
WHAT ABOUT DAD?

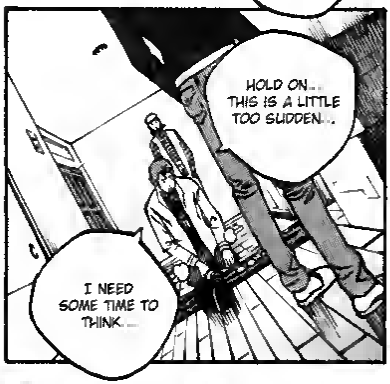
I'VE DECIDED TO SELL THIS PLACE AND LIVE BY MYSELF.
HAVEN'T SEEN HIM AT ALL SINCE WE LAST MET TO TALK TO THE LAWYER. I SUPPOSE HE'S PROBABLY FINE.
WHA- WAIT!
HE SAYS HE'LL GIVE ME THIS PLACE...
BUT I FEEL LIKE TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF.

WHAT THE HELL, MOM?!
YOU NEVER TOLD ME ANYTHING ABOUT THIS!

I SHOULD HAVE ASKED FOR YOUR OPINION
SORRY.

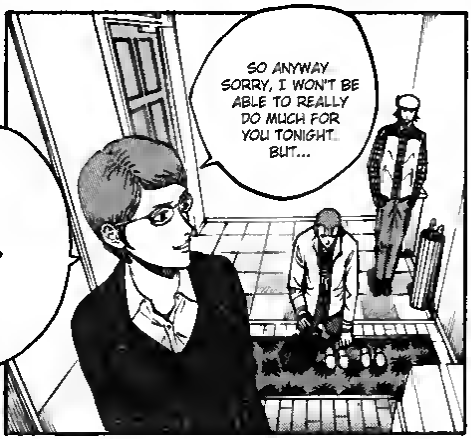
BUT WHAT'S DONE IS DONE. I'VE ALREADY MADE UP MY MIND.

BUT...


HOLD ON... THIS IS A LITTLE TOO SUDDEN...
I NEED SOME TIME TO THINK...

ARE YOU HUNGRY?

YOU CAN MAKE A LIVING FOR YOURSELF, CAN'T YOU?
CHIN UP, SON!


SO ANYWAY... SORRY, I WON'T BE ABLE TO REALLY DO MUCH FOR YOU TONIGHT... BUT...

... I THINK I CHOSE A BAD TIME TO VISIT...

NO, IT'S OKAY.
I'LL MAKE DINNER TONIGHT.
THIS IS THE LAST DISH WE'LL HAVE IN THIS PLACE!
I LOST MY HOME, JUST LIKE THAT...

FUKUOKA...?! BAMBI'S PLACE?!
HUH... REALLY?
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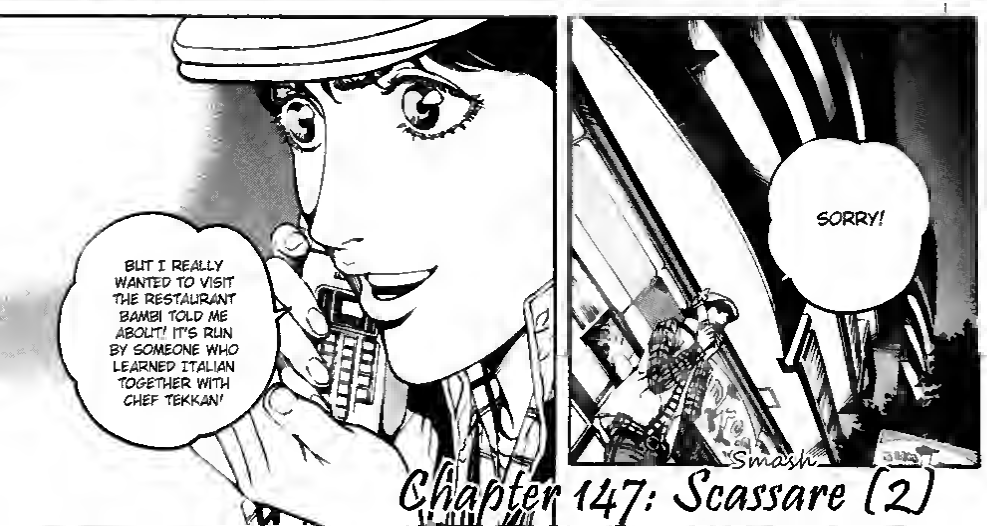
■ROPPONGI, TOKYO TRATTORIA BACCANALE
AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU WERE COMING BACK TONIGHT.
■KASHII, HIGASHI WARD, FUKUOKA PREFECTURE


BUT I REALLY WANTED TO VISIT THE RESTAURANT BAMBI TOLD ME ABOUT! IT'S RUN BY SOMEONE WHO LEARNED ITALIAN TOGETHER WITH CHEF TEKKAN!
SORRY!
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DON'T WORRY!
I'LL BE BACK IN THREE DAYS.
REALLY? MAN, FUKUOKA, HUH... MUST BE NICE. WISH I COULD BE THERE, TOO.
WHAT ABOUT BAMBI? WHAT'S HE DOING?
BAMBI?
BAMBI'S...

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NOT BAD, KIDDO!
IT LOOKS DELICIOUS!
ALRIGHT, DIG IN!

LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE ALREADY BECOME A FINE CHEF!
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THIS IS GREAT STUFF!
NAH. STILL GOT A LONG WAY TO GO.
MY SON'S GOOD WITH HIS HANDS, SO HE ALWAYS DOES PRETTY WELL AT WHATEVER HE TURNS HIS MIND TO.
OH, REALLY?
ON THE OTHER HAND...
STOP IT, MOM...

THAT ALSO MEANS HE GETS BORED AND MOVES ON TO SOMETHING ELSE EASILY, AND NEVER ENDS UP BEING ANY BETTER THAN "PRETTY GOOD" AT ANYTHING.
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MOM, THAT'S NOT...!

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OF COURSE IT'S TRUE
REMEMBER YOUR CALLIGRAPHY AND YOUR STINT IN THE TRACK AND FIELD CLUB AND YOUR GUITAR? ALL QUIT JUST WHEN YOU WERE GETTING DECENT.
BUT-!

I ENJOYED ALL OF THOSE IN MY OWN-
WELL, SON?
THAT FEELING OF HAVING FOUND THE PATH YOU REALLY WANT TO TAKE.
ISN'T IT NICE?
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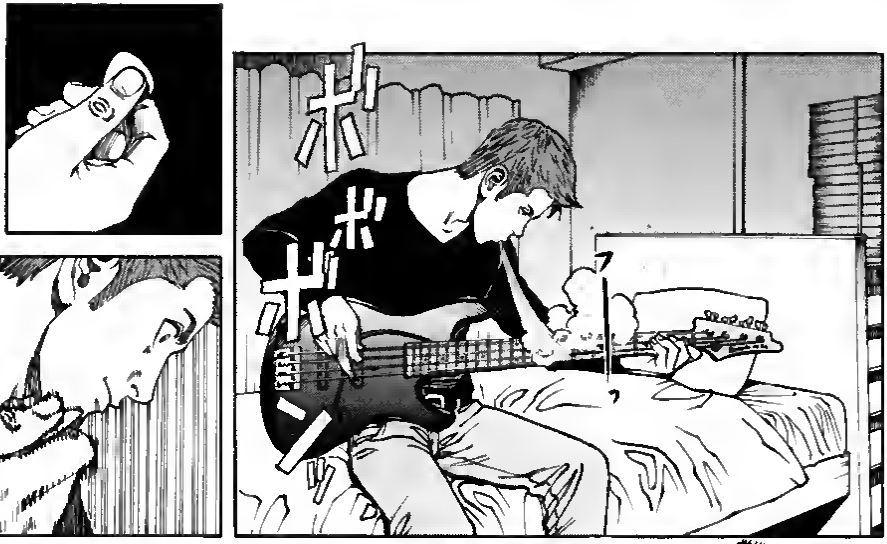
SO THIS IS MY LAST NIGHT HERE, HUH... MAN, THIS IS KINDA GETTING ME DOWN...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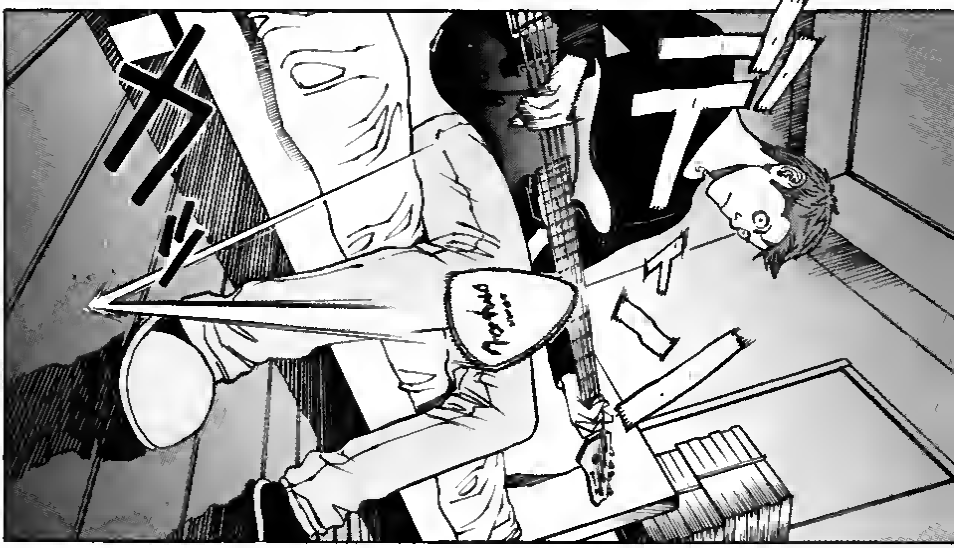

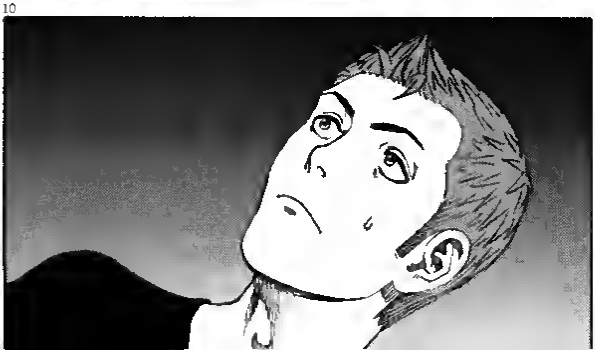

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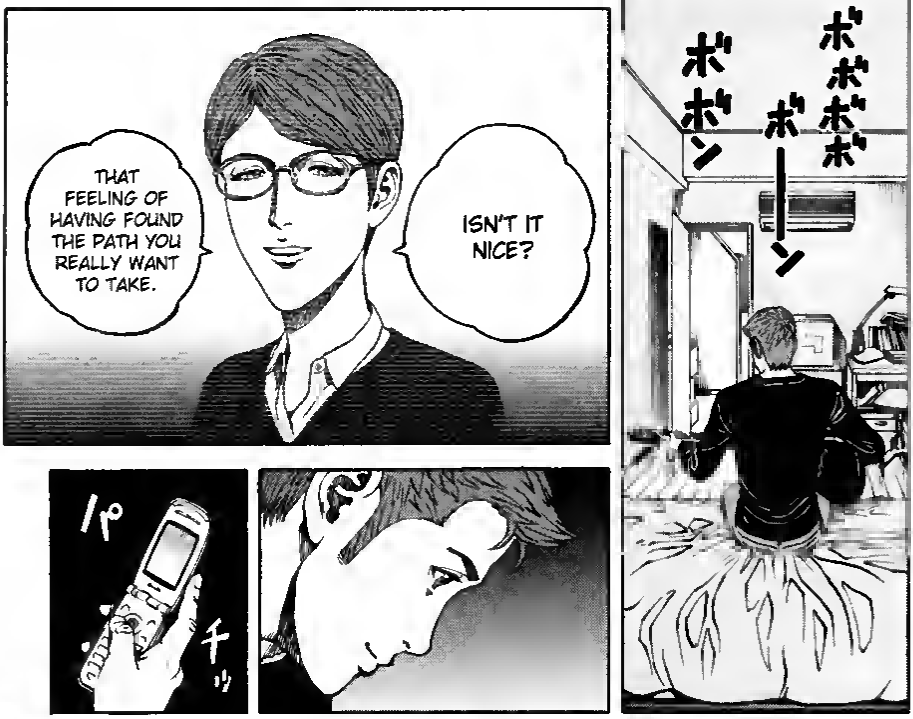
THAT FEELING OF HAVING FOUND THE PATH YOU REALLY WANT TO TAKE.
ISN'T IT NICE?
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HEY, YOU DOING ANYTHING TONIGHT?
HELLO? SHIRAI?
HEH! YEAH, IT'S ME. UH HUH. I'M BACK IN FUKUOKA FOR A BIT.

I'M GONNA GO OUT AND HAVE A DRINK WITH SOME FRIENDS.
DO YOU WANT TO COME WITH ME?
ASUKA-SHAN!
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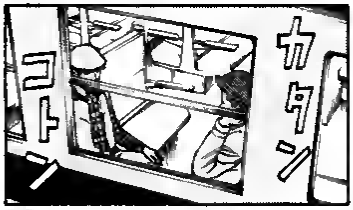
BAMBI... IS YOUR MOTHER ALRIGHT?
SHE'LL BE FINE. DON'T SWEAT IT!
I SHOULD BE ASKING IF *YOU'RE* ALRIGHT! SORRY I INVITED YOU OVER WHEN THINGS'RE SO WEIRD HERE AT HOME

I MEAN, WOULDN'T THIS BE BETTER FOR BOTH OF 'EM, RATHER THAN JUST KEEPING UP A LOVE-LESS MARRIAGE?
Hahah

MY FOLKS'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT A DIVORCE FOR A LONG TIME NOW.
IT'S GOT TO THE POINT WHERE I JUST THOUGHT, "FINALLY!"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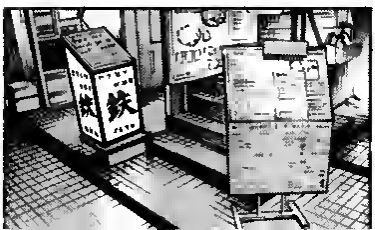


WHOA! BAN! IT'S YOU!
HEY! OVER HERE!
HEEEY! WHO'S THIS?!

MAN, I'VE MISSED YOU ALL!

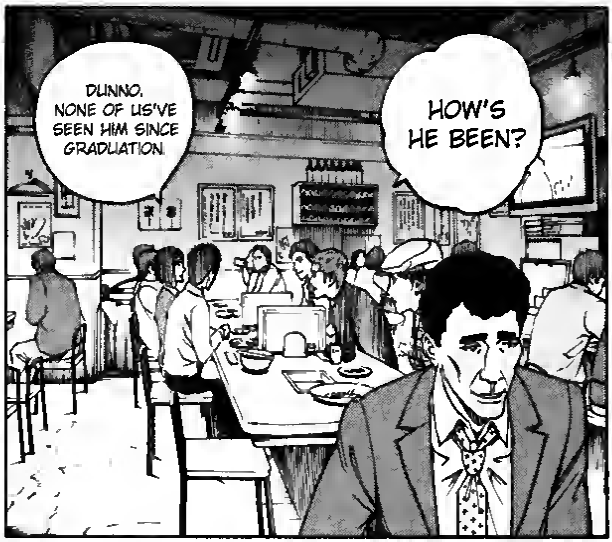
ERR...
THIS IS MY COWORKER, HIBINO ASUKA-SHAN.
IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU ALL.

WE'RE NOT LIKE THAT.
SO, UHH. GIRL-FRIEND?
WE'RE NOT LIKE THAT.

WE GAVE ETSUYA A CALL.
SO, WHO ELSE IS COMING?

ETSUYA?

I USED TO PLAY AROUND WITH HIM ALL THE TIME.
stop !!!!
lemme squeeze them moobs!
C'mon...
HOPE HE'S DOIN' ALRIGHT.


DUNNO. NONE OF US'VE SEEN HIM SINCE GRADUATION.
HOW'S HE BEEN?

NOW THAT'S A GUY I WANNA SEE AGAIN.
MAN. ETSUYA, HUH...

BEEN GETTING A STIFF DOSE OF REAL LIFE.
SO WHAT ABOUT YOU GUYS? HOW'S WORK?
CAN'T YOU TELL JUST BY LOOKING, MAN?

WELL, Y'KNOW, I'M OKAY.
WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU LOOK GOOD.

YOU ALL LOOK LIKE YOU'RE STILL FUCKIN' COLLEGE STUDENTS.

THE HELL'RE YOU ALL DOING, DRINKING IN A DUMP LIKE THIS?

Haha hahaa!
Waha hahaa!
ETSUYA WAS ALWAYS THE KINDA GUY WHO SORT OF INVITED PRANKING.
WAGH!
WHAT'S THIS?!
HE WAS REALLY NICE, THOUGH. WOULDN'T HURT A FLY.
AWWW, YOU GUYS!
...SO WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED?!
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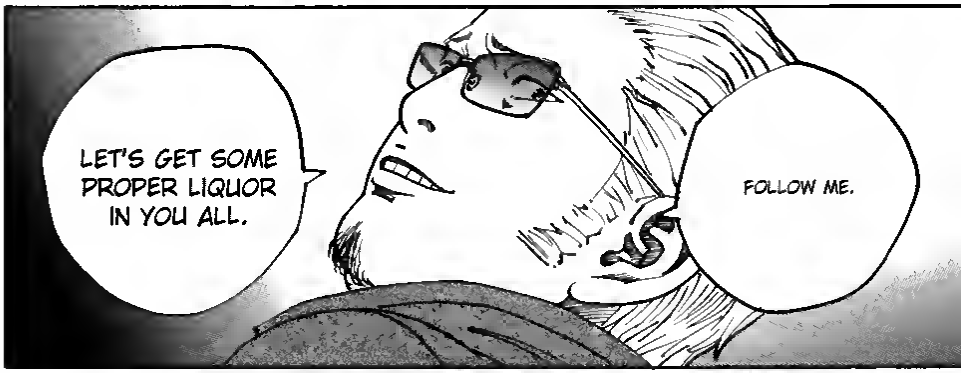
GOD DAMN, MAN. YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL.
...REALLY?
IT'S JUST THAT YOU CHANGED TOO DAMN MUCH, ETSUYA.
SO, UHH. WHAT DO YOU DO FOR A LIVING THESE DAYS, ETSUYA?
...BLEAH. TASTES LIKE SHIT.

C'MON, GUYS. YOU'RE NOT IN COLLEGE ANYMORE. WHAT'RE YOU DOING IN A TRASHY JOINT LIKE THIS?


LET'S GET SOME PROPER LIQUOR IN YOU ALL.
FOLLOW ME.

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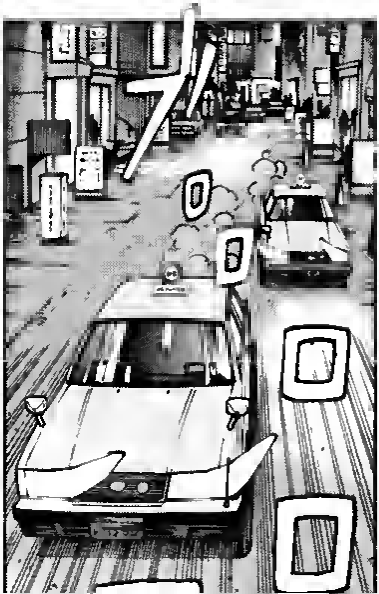

EXCUSE ME.
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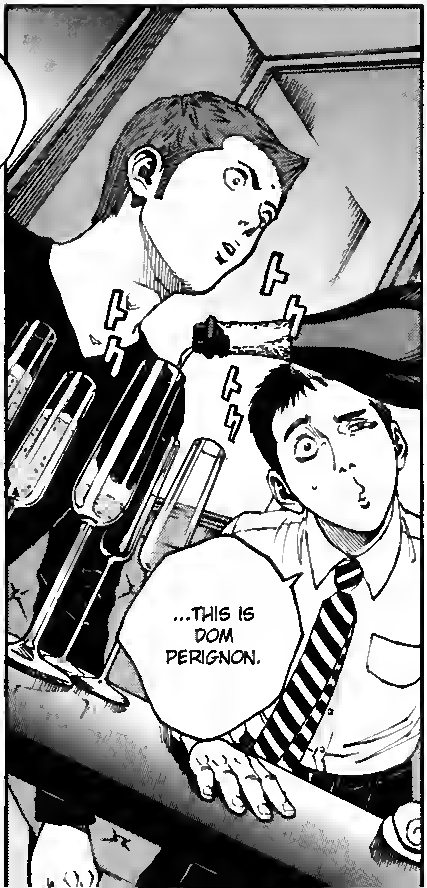
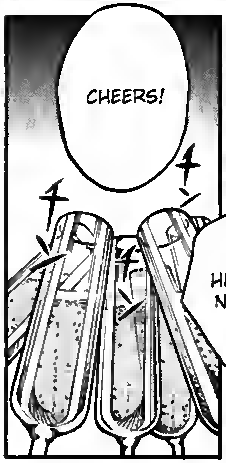
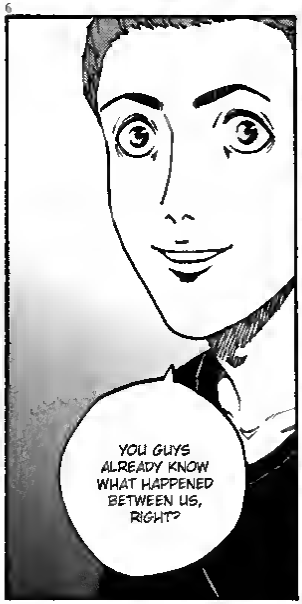
DRINK AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.
I'LL PICK UP THE TAB.


...THIS IS DOM PERIGNON.


CHEERS!

RIGHT... UMM, WELL ...
HERE GOES NOTHING...

ASUKA, WAS IT?
YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH SHIT THESE GUYS USED TO PUT ME THROUGH...
REMEMBER, WE USED TO HAVE ERI WITH US TOO
THIS IS ALMOST LIKE OLD TIMES, ISN'T IT? WE USED TO DRINK TOGETHER ALL THE TIME!


YOU GUYS ALREADY KNOW WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN US, RIGHT?

WELL... Y'KNOW, SHIT HAPPENS.
YEAH, WE HEARD.
WE... WELL, WE BROKE UP ABOUT A YEAR AGO

DO YOU GUYS KNOW WHAT SHE'S DOING NOW?
I HEARD SHE GOT A JOB AT AN ADVERTISING COMPANY...
...DUNNO.
WE'RE ALL BUSY THESE DAYS, AFTER ALL WE'RE NOT IN COLLEGE ANYMORE
WHERE DO YOU WORK, MEGU?
WE HAVEN'T HEARD MUCH THESE DAYS, EITHER.

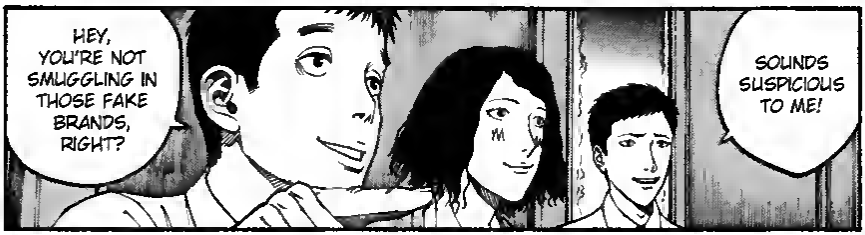
I TRIED TO GET A JOB AT A NORMAL COMPANY FIRST BUT THEY JUST GAVE ME SUCH A RAW DEAL I COULDN'T TAKE IT.
HAHAHA.
THE AMAZING DISPATCH CLERK!
I'M AN OFFICE CLERK.
ME?

SO IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE SELLING SEESAWS TO THE GRADE SCHOOL YOU GRADUATED FROM.
WELL... I MEAN, YEAH, I GUESS IF YOU WANNA PUT IT THAT WAY.
AND YOU, KAWANO?
I WORK FOR MIZUSHIMA. IT'S A SPORTS WEAR MANUFACTURER.
WE SELL WARES TO ALL THE SCHOOLS IN THE AREA.

I'M HELPING OUT AT A RELATIVE'S CRAM SCHOOL.
WELL...
YOU KNOW HOW IT IS. HELL MAN. IT ISN'T EASY FINDING A DECENT JOB IN THIS ECONOMY.

SUCKS BEING YOU GUYS, HUH.
ALMOST MAKES ME MISS RUNNING PART-TIME JOBS.
HONESTLY, WHAT DID I GET MY DIPLOMA FOR?
ME?
WHAT ABOUT YOU, ETSUYA?
I MEAN, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE DOING PRETTY WELL.

I'M IN IMPORTS.
MOSTLY HANDBAGS, WATCHES, THAT SORT OF THING. DESIGNER LABELS.


HEY, YOU'RE NOT SMUGGLING IN THOSE FAKE BRANDS, RIGHT?
SOUNDS SUSPICIOUS TO ME!

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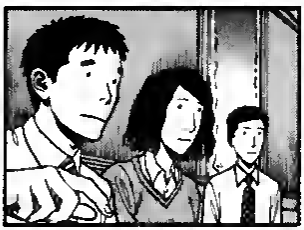
I GOT MYSELF A GIRL OUT OF IT, TOO.

BUT I LIKE DANGEROUS WORK.
AND...

A LITTLE RISK MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND.



HERE, MY GIRL-FRIEND.
THAT'S ONE HELL OF A BODY, MAN.
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G CUP.
A G CUP?!
MEN.

BUSY AS HELL, AIN'T YA?

ME...?

HOW GOES THE PATH OF THE CHEF?
WHAT ABOUT YOU, BAN?

I WAS WORKING AT A RESTAURANT IN NEW YORK 'TILL JUST A COUPLE DAYS AGO.
WELL... I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT.

Whaaaaaaaaaat?!
NO, NO, IT WASN'T AS GREAT AS IT SOUNDS, HONEST. THEY HAD ME DOING CHORES ALL DAY.
I MEAN, IT WAS A TOP CLASS PLACE, BUT STILL...

MM...
WELL, TELL YOU GUYS THE TRUTH, I'M GONNA BE HEAD OF THE PASTA SECTION WHEN I GET BACK.
WE REALLY GOT OURSELVES A GUY ON THE GLOBAL SCALE HERE!
AWESOME!

I THREW AWAY EVERYTHING, EVEN QUIT UNI TO LEARN ITALIAN COOKING.
AND MAN, IT TOOK THIS LONG FOR ME TO FEEL LIKE I'M FINALLY GETTING SOMEWHERE STILL GOT A LONG WAY AHEAD OF ME
THAT'S GREAT!
THAT'S LIKE BEING SECTION CHIEF AT A NORMAL COMPANY, RIGHT?!
WELL... YEAH, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT.

SO HOW MUCH DOES THAT PAY?
GIMME A NUMBER. HOW MUCH A MONTH?
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SOUNDS LIKE SLAVE LABOR TO ME.
NO, NO! TRUST ME, IT MIGHT SEEM LIKE THAT TO YOU,
BUT THAT'S JUST HOW THINGS ARE IN THIS LINE OF WORK!
WE ALL WORK HARD WHEN WE'RE YOUNG SO WE CAN OPEN OUR OWN RESTAURANTS WHEN-
I BRING IN A MILLION A MONTH.

TWO MILLION, SOMETIMES.
AND WHEN I WANT TIME OFF? BAM, VACATION. I MAKE MY OWN SCHEDULE.

YOU WORK THAT HARD AND THAT'S ALL YOU EARN?

THAT COOKING THING'S KINDA SHITTY, AIN'T IT?

"SUFFER NOW TO ENSURE A BETTER FUTURE"? NOW THAT'S BULLSHIT IF I EVER HEARD IT.
ALL YOU'RE DOING IS LETTING OTHER PEOPLE MAKE A FAT PROFIT OFF YOUR SWEAT AND TEARS!
THE FUTURE?
HOW THE HELL CAN YOU BELIEVE IN SOMETHING SO INTANGIBLE?!

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Chapter 149: Scassare (4)

BAN.
WHEN'RE YOU GONNA REALLY START TO MAKE MONEY? HOW OLD WILL YOU BE, THEN?
OUR SOCIETY'S GETTING OLDER. HAVING LESS KIDS.
THE ECONOMY DOESN'T WORK LIKE IT USED TO.
YOU GET AHEAD NOW BY MAKING MONEY NOW, WHILE YOU STILL CAN.

...WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

I'M DOING WHAT I DO 'CAUSE I LIKE DOING IT!
I DON'T AGREE WITH THAT, ETSUYA.
GET AHEAD? THIS AIN'T A CONTEST, IS IT?
AND I GET A FEELING I'VE REALLY GOTTEN BETTER AT WHAT I DO...
SOMETIMES I HAVE FUN MAKING SOMETHING I COULDN'T MAKE BEFORE,
STILL A DREAMER, AREN'T YOU.
IT MAKES YOU HAPPY?
WORKING?
FUN?
THEN I THINK, "MAN, WORK IS FUN"-

NO WAY!
MY WORK MAKES PEOPLE HAPPY!
I MEAN, SURE, MONEY'S IMPORTANT TOO AND ALL...
THAT'S ALL A BUNCH OF BULL-SHIT.
FIRST AND FOREMOST, YOU WORK TO EARN MONEY.
BUT I WORK TO SEE THE SMILES ON PEOPLE'S FACES WHEN THEY EAT MY COOKING!
WHAT ARE YOU, A CHARITY WORKER OR SOMETHING?
WELL, WHATEVER. IT'S YOUR LIFE.

YOUR CHOICE TO BECOME AN OLD MAN, ALL YOUR YOUTH GIVEN UP TO LINE OTHER PEOPLE'S POCKETS. BUT HEY, AT LEAST YOU'LL HAVE MADE 'EM HAPPY... RIGHT?

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HOW CAN YOU SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO A FRIEND?
YOU'RE PATHETIC, YOU KNOW THAT?

JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BELIEVE IN ANYTHING, DOESN'T MEAN THAT EVERYONE IS AS SAD AS YOU.

MOTHER FUCKER!!

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STOP IT! GUYS, COME ON! STOP IT!
I'M SO SORRY ABOUT THIS!
ETSUYAAAA!

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FUCKIN' AMATEUR!
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YOU'RE FRIENDS, REMEMBER?!
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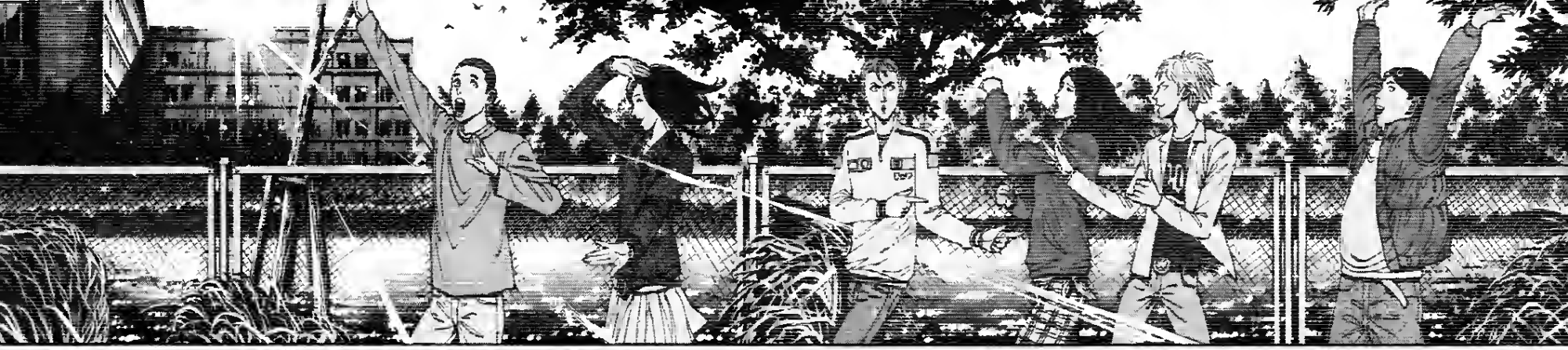
STOP IT!
STOP IT, GUYS!
WHY ARE YOU GUYS FIGHTING?!



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WHAT?! YOU MOTHER FUCKER!

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT ERI'S BEEN UP TO LATELY, DO YOU?!

ETSUYA! DAMMIT, MAN! WE PROMISED NOT TO TALK ABOUT THAT!

WHAT'S ERI BEEN DOING?

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I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU THREW EVERYTHING AWAY.

WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, COMING BACK NOW?

WHEN DID YOU TURN INTO SUCH A FUCKIN' ASSHOLE?!

I DUNNO! HOW LONG'RE YOU GONNA KEEP LIVING YOUR LIFE WITH YOUR HEAD IN THE CLOUDS?!

SHE'S GETTING MARRIED, DUMBASS.
NOT EVEN A FUCKING YEAR SINCE SHE BROKE UP WITH YOU, AND SHE'S GETTING MARRIED.

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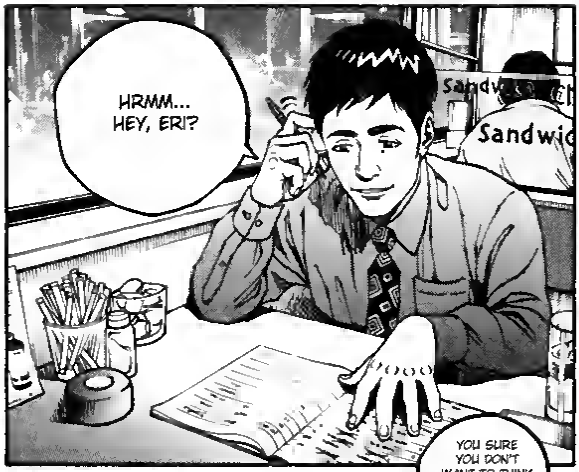
HRMM... HEY, ERI?
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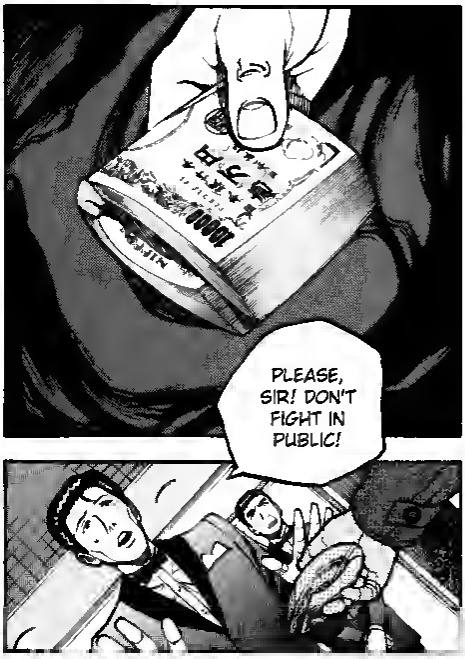
LET'S GET THE HARD PARTS OUT OF THE WAY FIRST.

YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT THE GIFTS FOR THE GUESTS FIRST?
I THINK THAT'D BE FUN...
NOPE!
I WANT TO GET THE INVITATIONS OUT OF THE WAY BY TONIGHT

OKAY?

SHE'S... GETTING MARRIED?
AND THE GUY SHE'S SEEING? HE'S GOT HIS FEET ON THE GROUND.

HE'S NOT A FUCKING DREAMER WITH HIS HEAD STUCK IN THE CLOUDS LIKE YOU!



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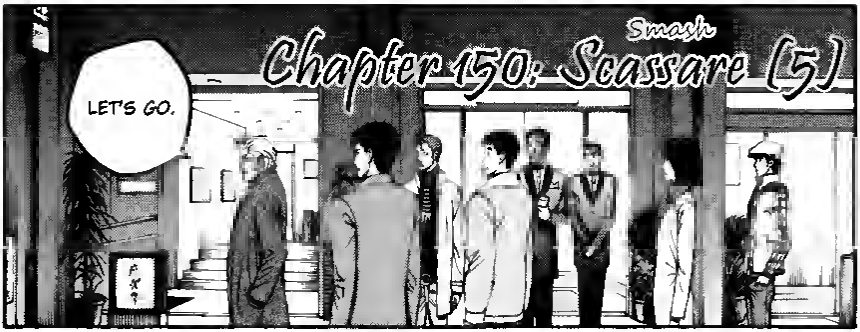
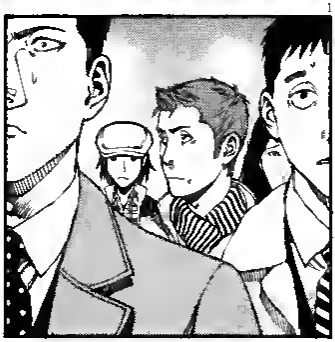
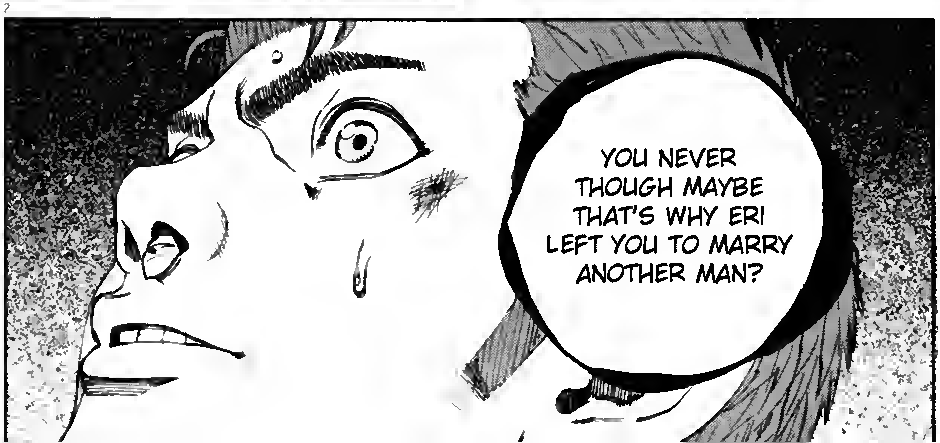


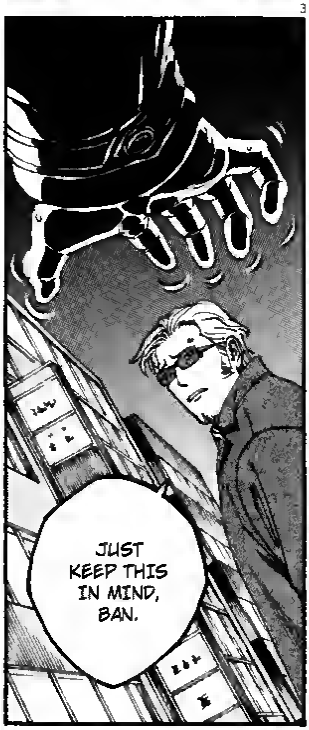


WHAT? YOU THINK THAT MAKES YOU LOOK COOL OR SOMETHING?
JUST LET IT GO, MAN.
QUIT ACTING LIKE A CHUMP.
MIND IF I GET SOME MONEY FROM THE ATM REAL QUICK?
YOU AN' ME, WE WERE BOTH IN THAT FIGHT.
I THINK IT'D ONLY BE FAIR FOR ME TO FOOT PART OF THE BILL, TOO.


YOU NEVER THOUGH MAYBE THAT'S WHY ER! LEFT YOU TO MARRY ANOTHER MAN?

STOP IT!
MOTHER FUCKER!

MONEY MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND.


JUST KEEP THIS IN MIND, BAN.

IF YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND THAT...

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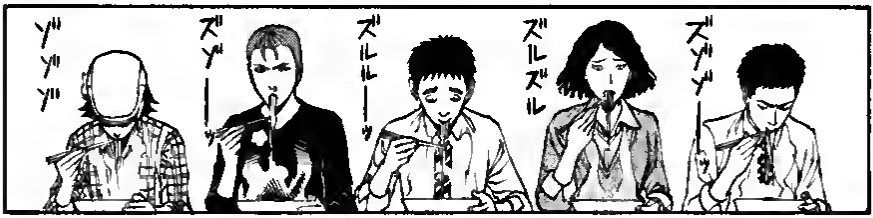
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YOU'D PROBABLY HAVE HEARD 'BOUT IT SOONER OR LATER,
BUT WE FIGURED IT'D BE BETTER NOT TO TELL YOU NOW.
BAN...
SORRY WE HID THE NEWS FROM YOU.
ME'N ERI BROKE UP A LONG TIME AGO
IT'S FINE, REALLY.
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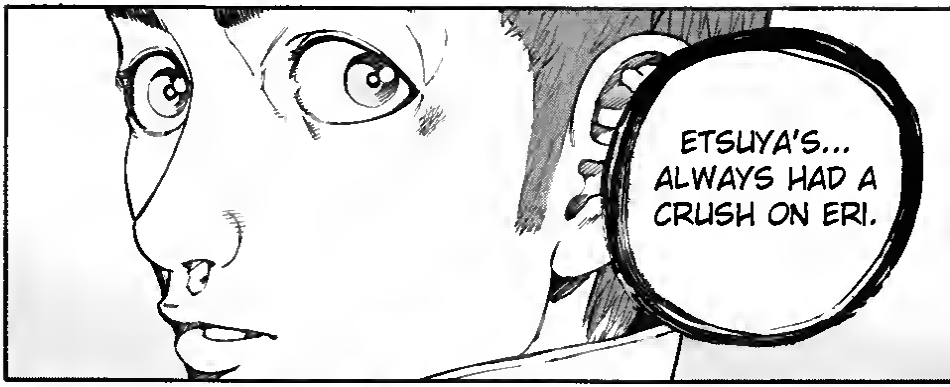
日本酒 400
ウーロン茶 400
焼酎 500

WHEN'D HE DECIDE TO JOIN THE GODDAMN YAKUZA OR SOMETHING?

OH, WELL YOU PROBABLY NEVER NOTICED, BUT

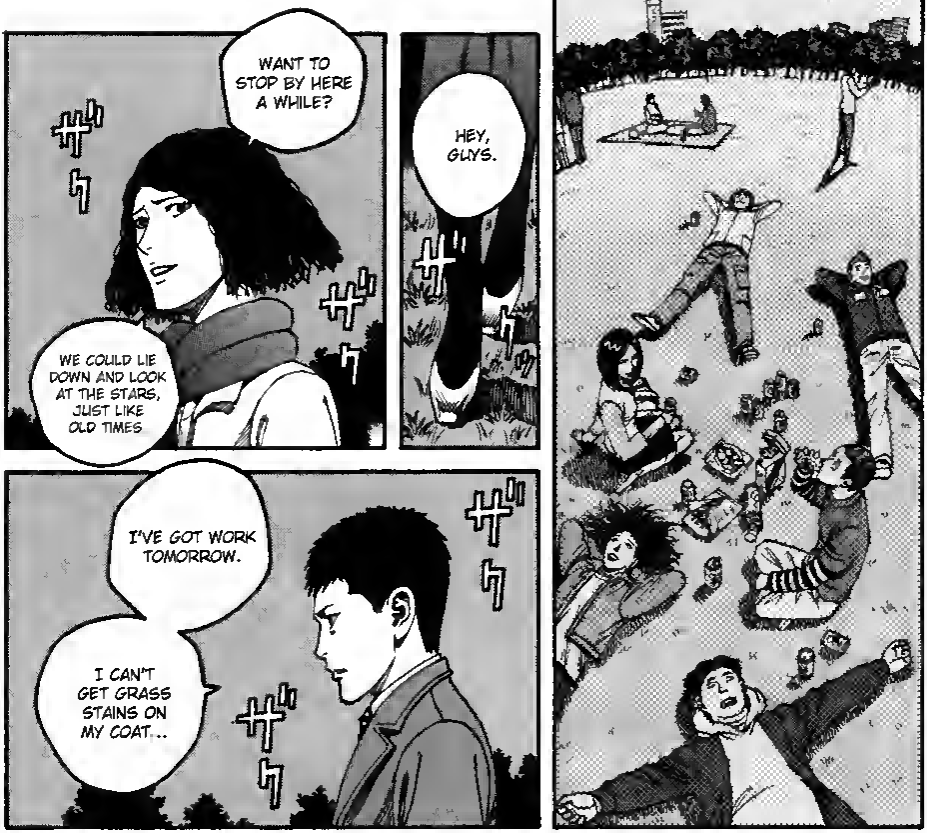
WHAT GETS TO ME IS ETSUYA, ACTUALLY.

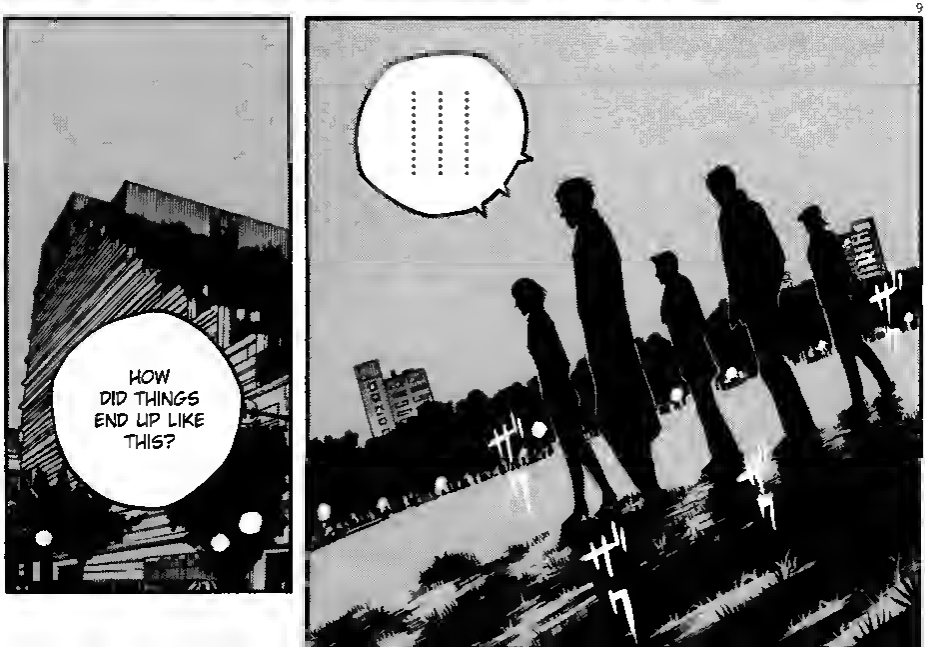

ETSUYA'S... ALWAYS HAD A CRUSH ON ERI.

HE LIKED ERI?
WHAT?
ETSUYA?

THAT WAS ABOUT WHEN HE STARTED GETTING OUT OF CONTROL.
HE SAID HE COULDN'T BELIEVE IT, AND THAT YOU WERE THE BIGGEST DUMMY EVER.
BACK WHEN YOU AND ERI BROKE UP,
I THINK THEY MET A FEW TIMES AFTER THAT, BUT...
I DUNNO ABOUT THAT...
WAIT... ERI DUMPED ETSUYA?

THAT HE TURNED INTO THE PUNK HE IS NOW.
I THINK IT WAS AFTER THAT...
REMEMBER HOW WE ALWAYS USED TO COME OUT HERE AND DRINK WHEN WE WERE IN COLLEGE?
WE HAD ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD BACK THEN


WANT TO STOP BY HERE A WHILE?
WE COULD LIE DOWN AND LOOK AT THE STARS, JUST LIKE OLD TIMES
HEY, GUYS.
I'VE GOT WORK TOMORROW.
I CAN'T GET GRASS STAINS ON MY COAT...


HOW DID THINGS END UP LIKE THIS?
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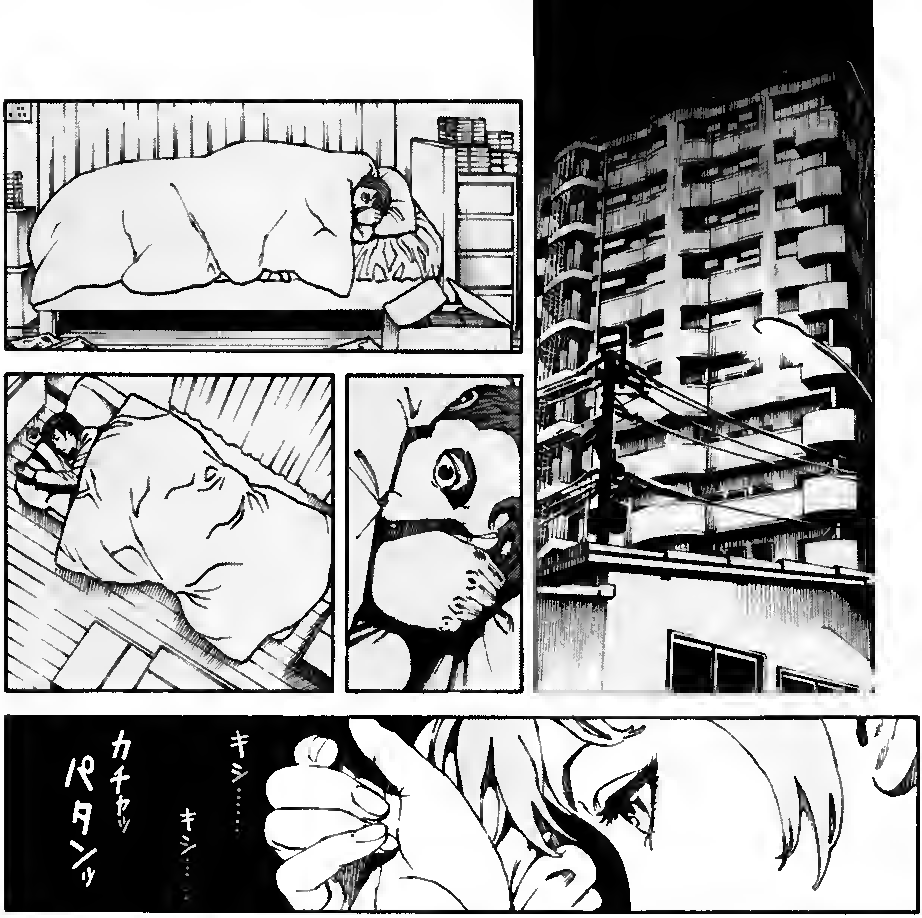
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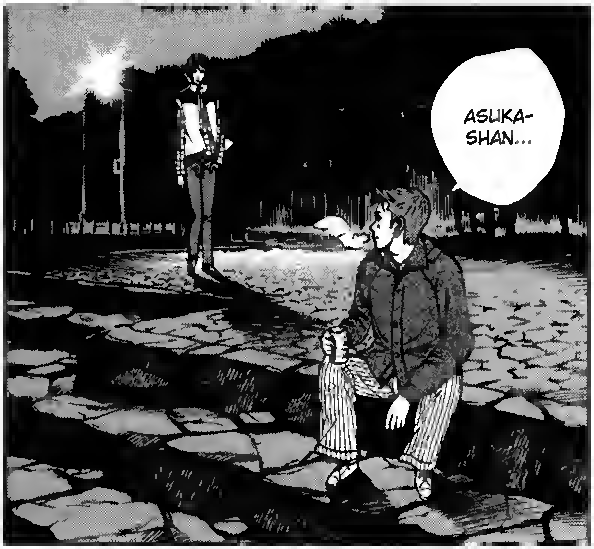
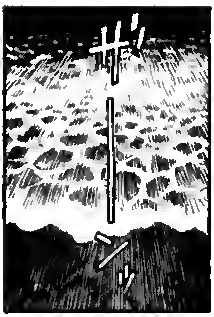
...DAMMIT.


ASUKA-
SHAN...

CAN'T GET
TO SLEEP?



IT'S JUST LIKE CHRISTALDI-SHAN SAID BACK AT THE AIRPORT IN NEW YORK.
MY FOLKS GOT A DIVORCE.
ETSUYA'S GONE AND TURNED INTO A GANGSTER...
THE APARTMENT THAT'S BEEN MY HOME SINCE I WAS A KID GETS SOLD.
MAN, NOTHING'S TURNED OUT LIKE I THOUGHT IT WOULD.
AND MY OLD GIRLFRIEND'S GETTING MARRIED...
Haha

EVERYTHING CHANGES, BAMBI
I GUESS... I SHOULDN'T'VE COME BACK AT ALL...
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I THOUGHT THAT WHEN I CAME BACK
I'D BE ABLE TO GET BACK TOGETHER WITH ERI AGAIN
YOU KNOW WHAT?
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I THOUGHT, YOU KNOW, THAT SHE'D WAIT FOR ME OR SOMETHING.
SO ONE DAY I'D COME BACK TO HER AS A GREAT CHEF AN' SWEEP HER OFF HER FEET.
I MEAN, MARRIAGE?!
WHAT THE HELL!
AIN'T IT A BIT SOON FOR THAT KINDA THING?!
ASUKA-SHAN...

I GUESS GIRLS WOULD GO FOR A GUY WHO CAN GUARANTEE A STEADY LIFESTYLE, RIGHT?

I MEAN, WHO'D WAIT FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME, RIGHT?
ALL I DO IS CHASE MY DREAMS, AN' I DON'T EVEN EARN THAT MUCH MONEY.

DO YOU REALIZE HOW REPULSIVE YOU'RE BEING RIGHT NOW?

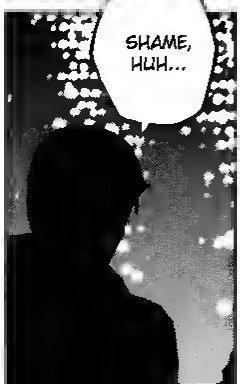
BAMBI.

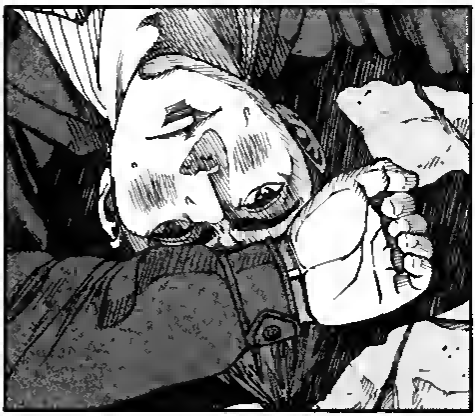
AND YOU'RE THINKING OF LEADING THE ENTIRE PASTA SECTION LIKE THAT? WHAT A JOKE.
WHO'D WAIT FOR SOMEONE AS ASHAMED OF HIMSELF AS YOU ARE?

I THINK SHE'D SAY IT WAS A GOOD THING SHE'D BROKEN UP WITH SOMEONE AS PATHETIC AS YOU'RE BEING.
WHAT WOULD ERI-SAN THINK IF SHE COULD SEE YOU NOW?

I'M DEPENDING ON YOU.

DON'T DISAPPOINT ME.


SHAME, HUH...



I HEARD EVERY-THING.
YOU LIKED ERI TOO, RIGHT?

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HELLO.
...BAN?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?

THEN I WANT YOU TO LEND ME A HAND!

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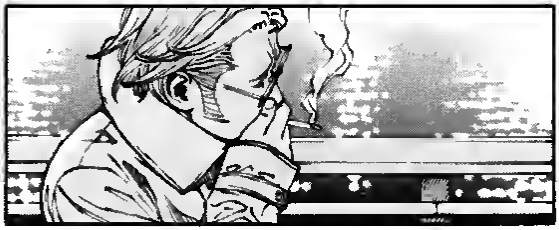
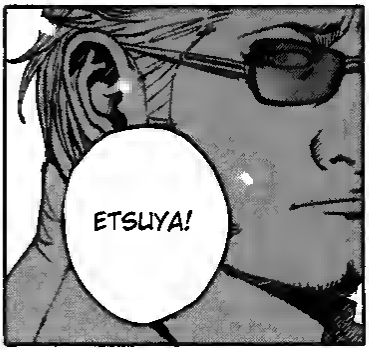
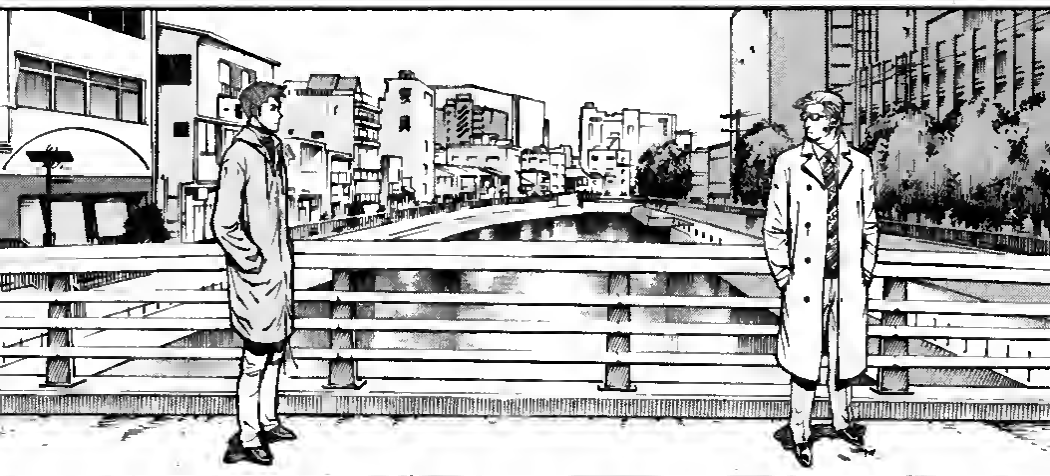
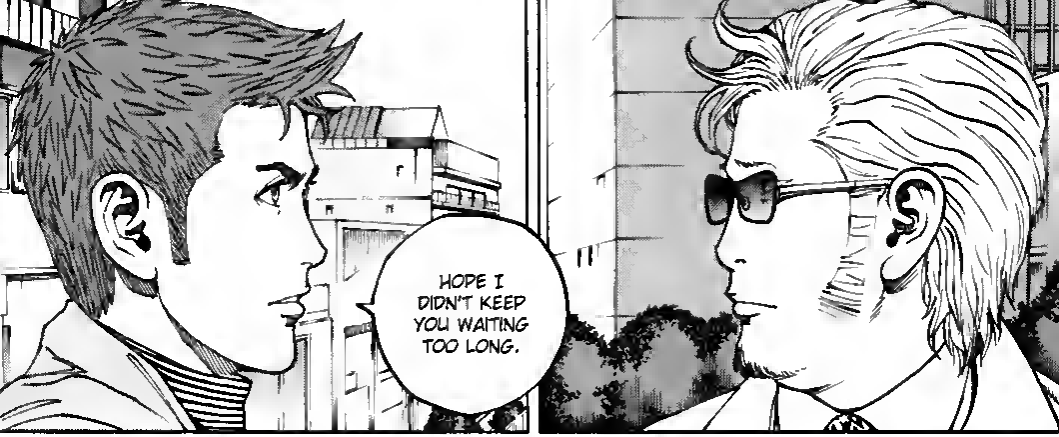
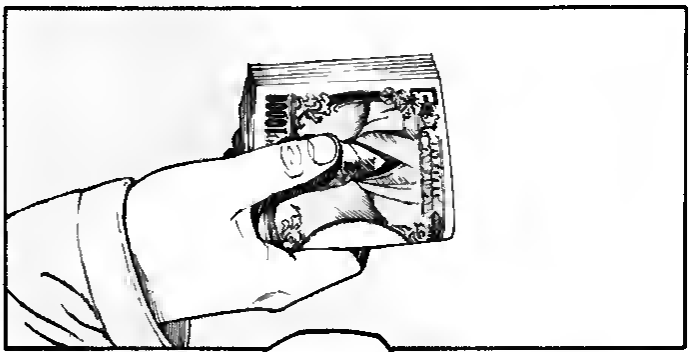







HOPE I DIDN'T KEEP YOU WAITING TOO LONG.

SURE BUT FIRST, I WANT YOU TO TAKE THIS
MM... HOW ABOUT SOME TEA TO TALK THINGS OVER?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GOTTA SPLIT THE BILL, RIGHT?

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STILL ACTING LIKE A FUCKIN' KID.

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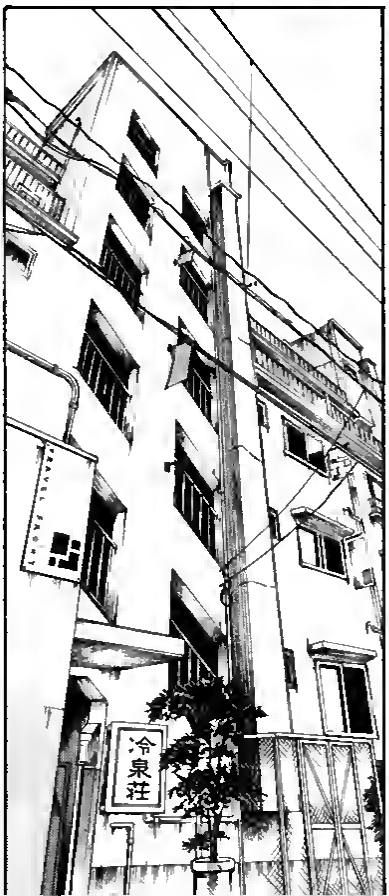
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...SO.

I WANT TO DO SOMETHING TO CONGRATULATE ERI'S MARRIAGE
NOT JUST FOR HER, BUT HER HUSBAND, TOO.
WHAT KIND OF HELP DO YOU WANT?
ETSUYA... COULD YOU FIND A DECENT SPOT TO HAVE A PARTY?
I'M THINKING OF THROWING A PARTY TO CELEBRATE ERI'S MARRIAGE, SEE.

Chapter 151: Festa (Party) (1)

I WANNA DO THIS AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.
TONIGHT, EVEN, IF ERI SAYS IT'S OKAY.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU HONESTLY THINK ERI'S GONNA LIKE THAT?
YOU THINK SHE'LL BE HAPPY TO HAVE HER OLD BOYFRIEND SHOW UP OUT OF NOWHERE AND COOK FOR HER?

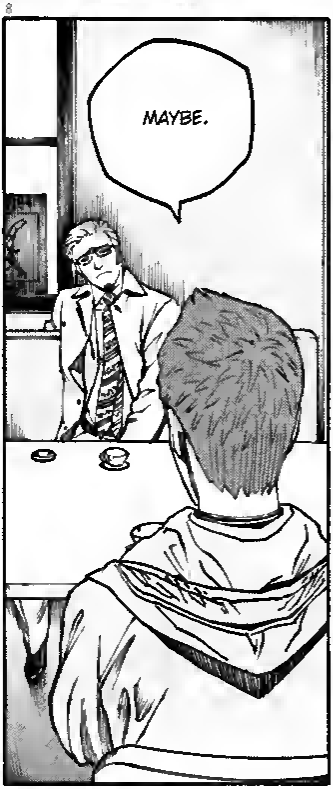
ERI'S FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT YOU, MAN.

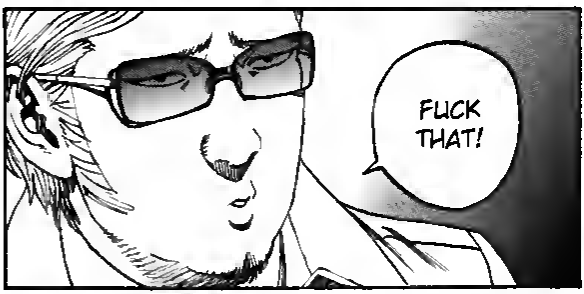
AND YOU WANT TO CALL HER FIANCE, TOO?

...I'M NOT GONNA SHOW MY-SELF.

WHAT'RE YOU THINKING? YOU WANT TO RUIN HER ENGAGEMENT OR SOME-THING?

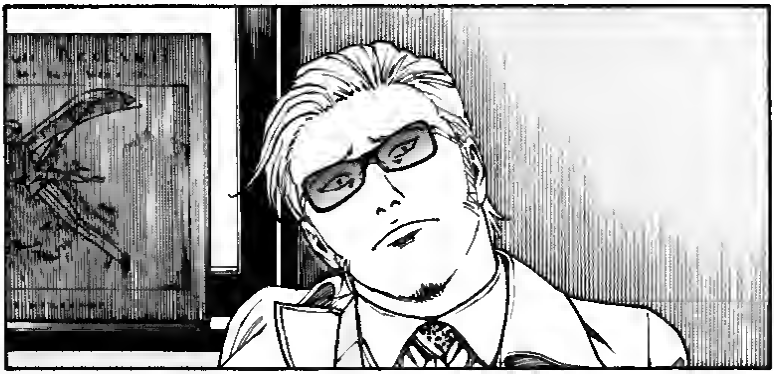
I'M GONNA STAY ANONYMOUS.
ALL I WANNA DO IS SERVE MY COOKING TO ERI, AND HER FUTURE HUSBAND.


MAYBE.


FUCK THAT!

THAT'S JUST YOU JERKING OFF TO YOURSELF.

...TO DRAW A LINE.
BUT I WANT...



FOR ALL THE MEMORIES I HAD WITH ERI.
I NEED TO MAKE A GRAVE INSIDE MYSELF...

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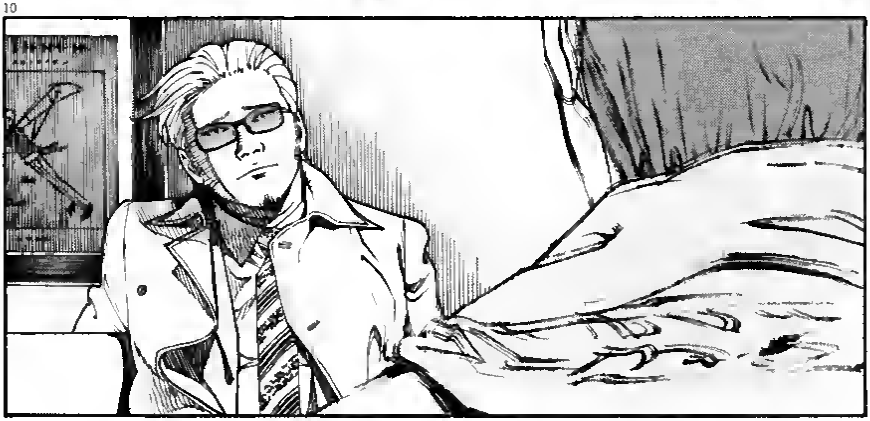

BAN...
EVERYTHING STARTED TO GO WRONG AFTER YOU BROKE UP WITH ERI.
YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?
YOU WERE ERI'S...

BUT THIS ISN'T FOR YOU.
IT'S FOR ERI.
FINE.
I'LL HELP YOU WITH YOUR PARTY.

D'YOU HAVE ANY PLACE IN MIND THAT COULD WORK?
YEAH.
THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS!
HOW ABOUT HERE?
HERE?
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THIS PLACE IS CALLED THE REIZENSOU. IT'S AN "ART APARTMENT," SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN SPRING OF 2009.
IT'S GOING TO HAVE CAFES, ART GALLERIES, WORKSHOPS, THAT SORT OF THING.
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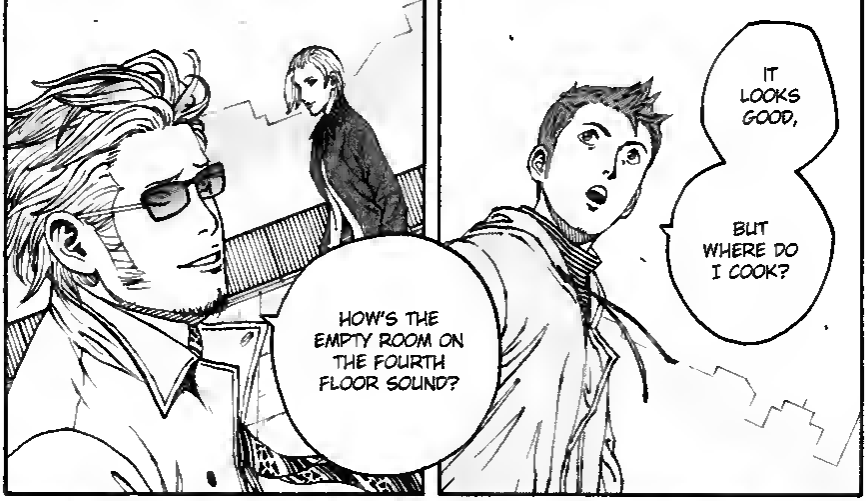
I'D SAY THAT THE ROOF HERE'D MAKE A NICE PLACE TO HAVE A PARTY.


HOW'S THE EMPTY ROOM ON THE FOURTH FLOOR SOUND?
IT LOOKS GOOD,
BUT WHERE DO I COOK?

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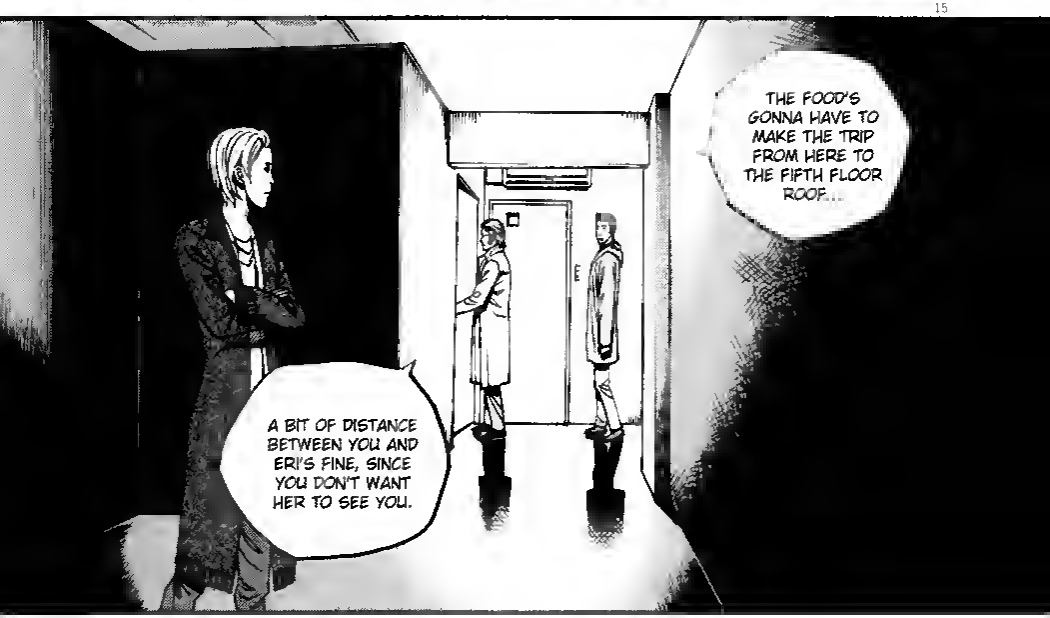
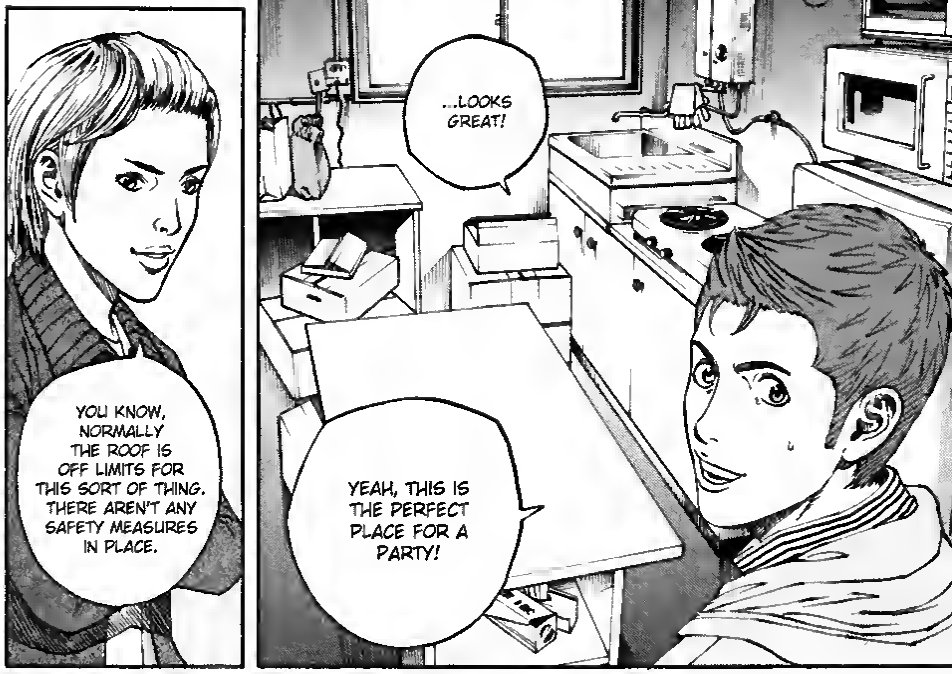
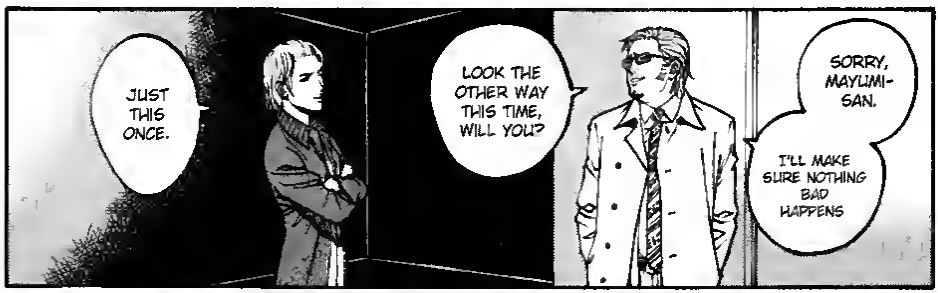

A BIT OF DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU AND ERI'S FINE, SINCE YOU DON'T WANT HER TO SEE YOU.
THE FOOD'S GONNA HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP FROM HERE TO THE FIFTH FLOOR ROOF...


YOU KNOW, NORMALLY THE ROOF IS OFF LIMITS FOR THIS SORT OF THING. THERE AREN'T ANY SAFETY MEASURES IN PLACE.
...LOOKS GREAT!
YEAH, THIS IS THE PERFECT PLACE FOR A PARTY!


JUST THIS ONCE.
LOOK THE OTHER WAY THIS TIME, WILL YOU?
SORRY, MAYUMI-SAN.
I'LL MAKE SURE NOTHING BAD HAPPENS

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A PARTY?
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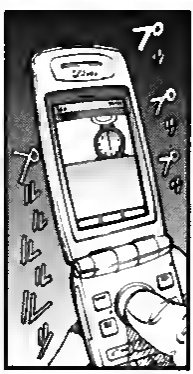
HEY, LISTEN I KNOW THIS IS SUDDEN,
BUT WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN...
MEGU?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LEAVE IT TO ME!
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Address Book
To Ashida Express
To Arata
To Ishida-san
To Oyama
To Oniishi
SOUNDS LIKE FUN!
SURE, I'M IN!
I'LL MAKE A BUNCHA CALLS.

A PARTY? FOR US?

I KNOW IT'S A BIT SUDDEN, BUT WE WANTED TO CONGRATULATE YOUR MARRIAGE. CAN YOU MAKE IT TONIGHT?
BRING YOUR FIANCE TOO, WILL YOU?
THAT'S GREAT! OF COURSE I'LL COME! YES, I'LL BRING HIM OVER!
WE'VE GOT A CHEF FRESH FROM NEW YORK WHO'S GOING TO BE COOKING JUST FOR YOU!
UMM, WELL,
ALL OF US, OF COURSE.
BUT...
WHO THOUGHT THIS UP, ANYWAY?
YOU'RE REALLY IN FOR A TREAT WITH THE COOKING TONIGHT!

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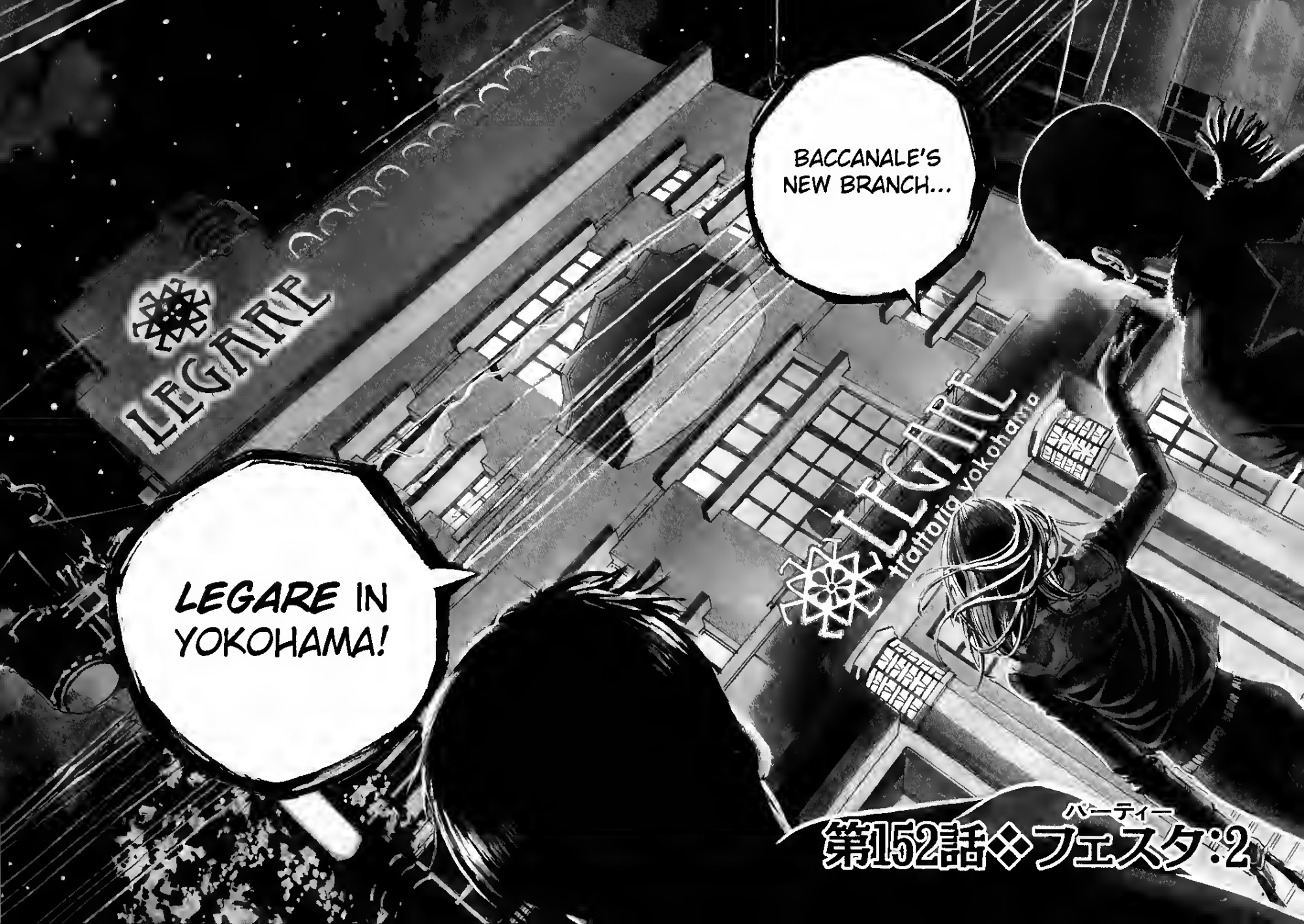

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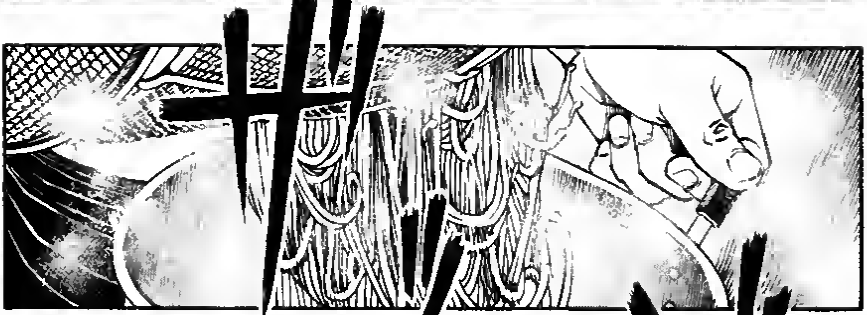
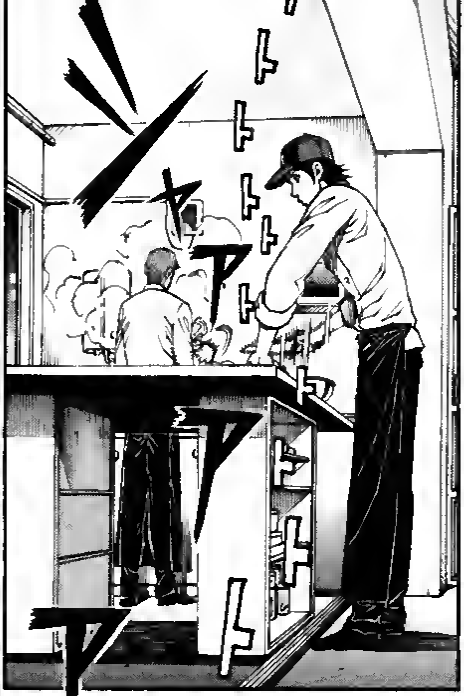
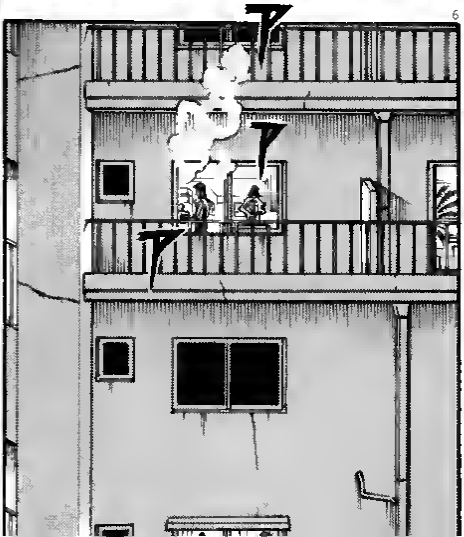
ELEGANT
YOKOHAMA, KANAGAWA, 6:45 PM
WE WANT TO MAKE A SPLASH WITH OUR GRAND OPENING.
WE'VE ALREADY SENT OUT INVITATIONS TO CELEBRITIES AND OTHER FAMOUS PEOPLE.

IT'S GOING TO BE A BUSY TIME.
LEGARE
IT'S ABOUT TIME WE GOT OUR STAFF TOGETHER AND DID A FEW PRACTICE RUNS.
WE'VE GOT TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW CUCINA AND SALA TEAMS TO EACH OTHER, TOO
LEGARE



YAMU-CHAN! HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN?!
HEY, WHAT'VE YOU BEEN UP TO?
THE SAME TIME
REIZEN-MACHI, FUKUOKA





ALRIGHT, KIDS. LIGHTS ON.

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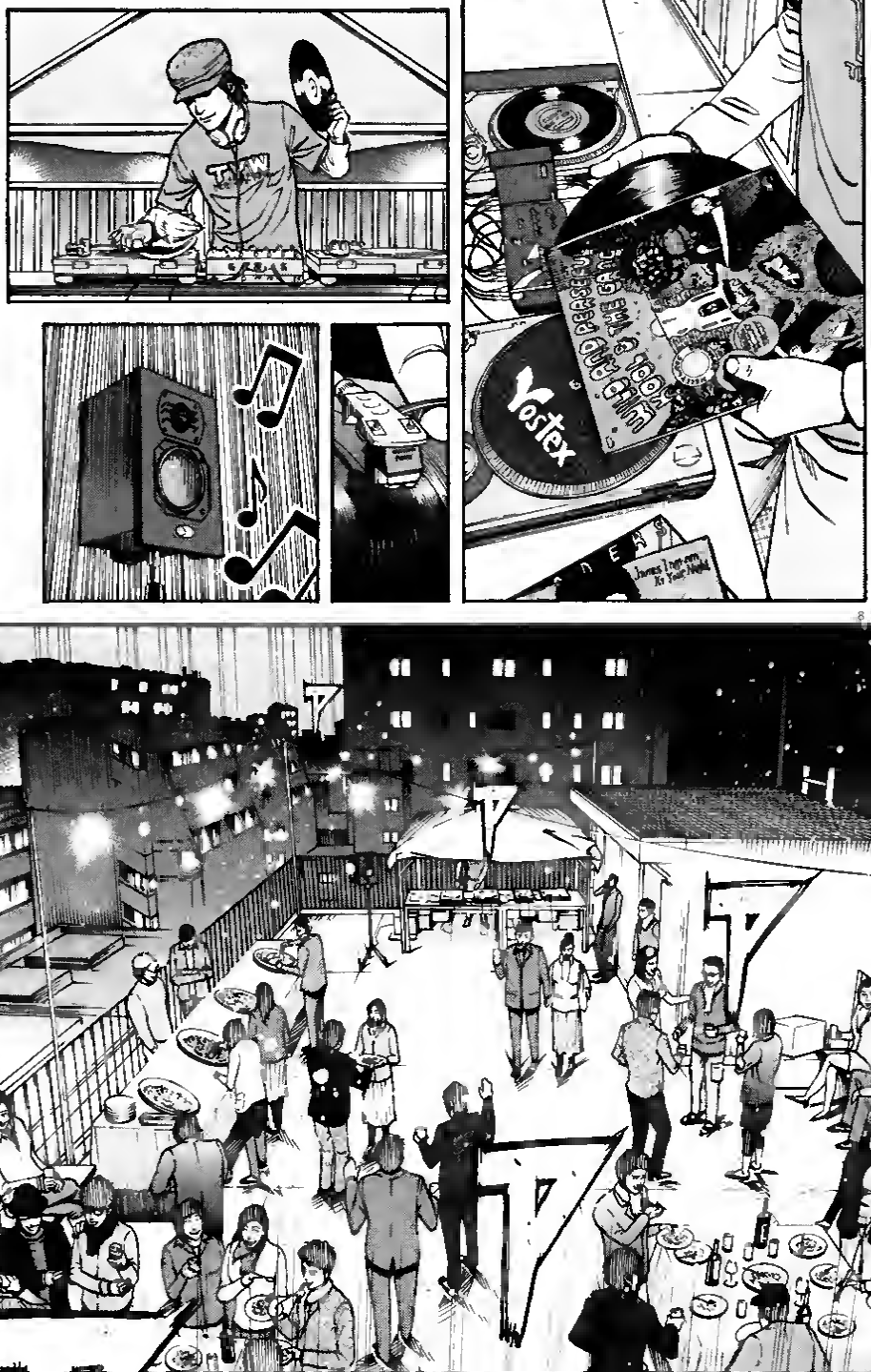
MOVE IT, MOVE IT! COMIN' THROUGH!

NO MORE I CAN'T GO ON.
GET SOME EXERCISE, MAN!

LIKE THIS?
THAT'S GREAT!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HELLO?
YUP! HEAD STRAIGHT TOWARD REISEN PARK, THEN TURN LEFT WHEN YOU SEE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!!
RIGHT! SEE YOU IN A BIT!

WAIT, YOU TWO'RE DATING?

A BIT OLD, EH?
THAT'S WHY WE'RE GOING WITH 15,000
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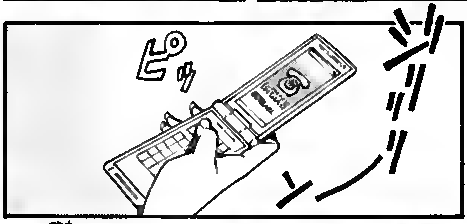

THAT'S MY CUE TO LEAVE

ALRIGHT, EVERYONE! I JUST GOT WORD THAT OUR GUEST OF HONOR IS EN ROUTE!

AREN'T YOU AT LEAST GOING TO SAY HI TO ERI?
SEE YA AROUND.
ETSUYA...
I DON'T WANT ERI TO SEE ME LIKE THIS.
TELL BAN I'M LEAVING THE REST UP TO HIM.

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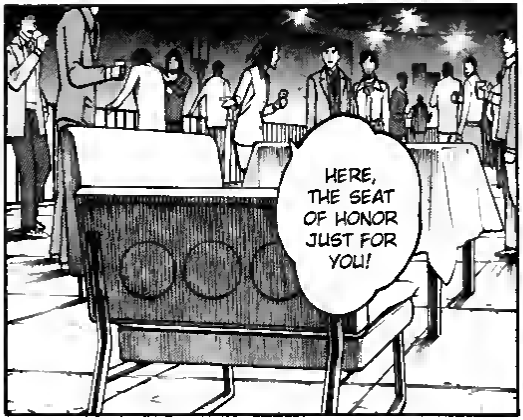
YEAH...
THANKS, KOUNO!

WE'RE FILLING UP REALLY FAST.
I THINK WE'RE GONNA HAVE ABOUT FIFTY PEOPLE ALL TOLD.

GOOD THING I DID THAT JOB FOR THE MAFIA, HUH...

DON'T THANK ME. THEY'RE ALL ERI'S FRIENDS.
BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE GONNA BE ALRIGHT, PAYING FOR THE WHOLE PARTY LIKE THIS?
I'LL BE FINE, RELAX!
JUST EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY!

WOW...!
GRATS ON YOUR MARR-IAGE!
THIS IS AMAZING!
CONGRA-TULATIONS!


HERE, THE SEAT OF HONOR JUST FOR YOU!

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OVER HERE!

THANKS, MEGU. HERE, LET ME INTRODUCE HIM.

PLEASED TO MEET YOU. I'M ERI'S FIANCE.
NUNOKAWA YUUTA.

NICE CATCH, ERI.
YOU REALLY THINK SO?
WOW, HE'S HOT!
AGAIN, IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU ALL.
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HELLO.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR UPCOMING WEDDING
PLEASE ENJOY YOURSELF TONIGHT. THE CHEF IS PREPARING A SPECIAL COURSE JUST FOR THE TWO OF YOU!
A SPECIAL COURSE?
THE CHEF'S FROM NEW YORK. IT'S GOING TO BE REALLY NICE. TRUST ME.

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PLEASE, WARM YOURSELF WITH THIS HEATED WINE WHILE YOU WAIT FOR THE DISHES.
THIS IS DELICIOUS!
IT FEELS LIKE THE WARMTH'S SPREADING RIGHT THROUGH MY WHOLE BODY!
AND I WAS JUST FEELING A LITTLE CHILLY, YOU KNOW.

MAKES YOU EAGER TO SEE WHAT THE COOKING'S GOING TO BE LIKE IF THE WINE'S ALREADY THIS GOOD.

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SHE'S PRETTY CUTE.
YOUR OLD GIRL-FRIEND.

SHORT HAIR LOOKS GOOD ON HER.
SHORT?!
WAIT, SHE CUT HER HAIR?!

YEAH...

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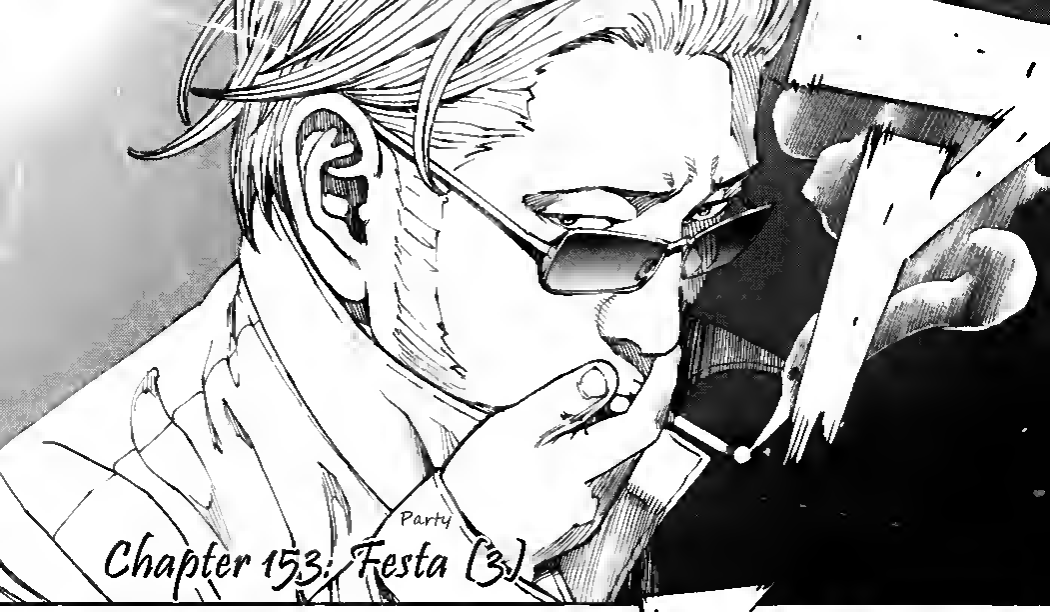
WHAT ABOUT HER FIANCE? WHAT'S HE LIKE?
ERR...
I MEAN, YEAH
YOU CAN JUST GO AND SEE FOR YOURSELF, YOU KNOW.
NAH.
MAYBE EVEN SAY HI?

WHAT GOOD WOULD IT BE TO HAVE AN OLD BOYFRIEND COME SAUNTERING OUT AT A PARTY LIKE THIS? THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE CELEBRATING.

ALL I NEED TO DO IS CONGRATULATE THEM WITH MY COOKING.



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SAKURA SHRIMP FRITTATA.

ITALIAN?
I HAVE TO WARN YOU, I'M PRETTY PICKY WHEN IT COMES TO ITALIAN.
ERI WORKED PART TIME AT AN ITALIAN RESTAURANT WHEN SHE WAS IN COLLEGE.
I CAN ONLY HOPE IT LIVES UP TO YOUR STANDARDS.

DELICIOUS!
.....
AND THE CRISPY TEXTURE OF THE FRIED SHRIMP ADDS JUST THE RIGHT ACCENT!
THE EGGPLANTS AND TOMATO SAUCE GO SO WELL WITH THE SOFT BOILED EGG. IT PRACTICALLY MELTS IN MY MOUTH.

A LOT OF LOVE WENT INTO THIS DISH
MAY I ASK WHO THE CHEF IS?
UMM...
HE'S... HE'S A CHEF FROM NEW YORK.

...THAT'S GOOD.
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THE ANTIPASTO GOT RAVE REVIEWS.
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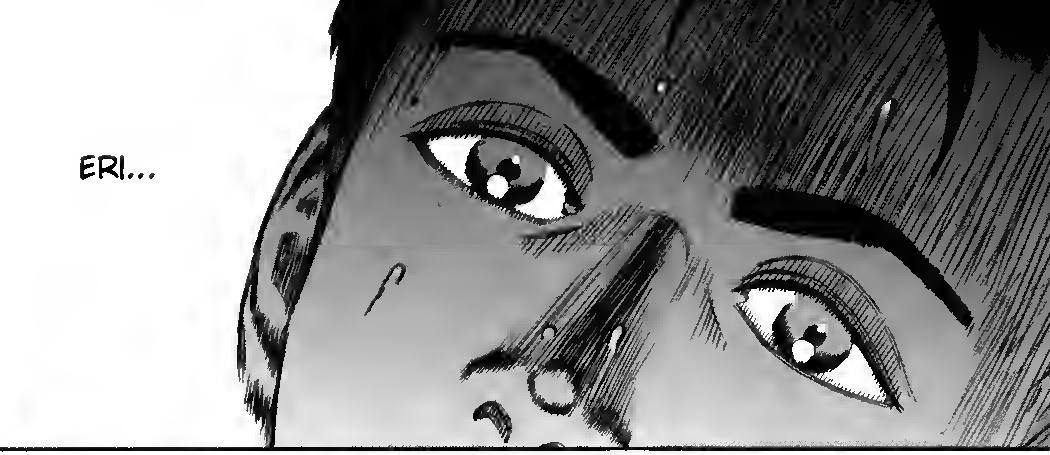
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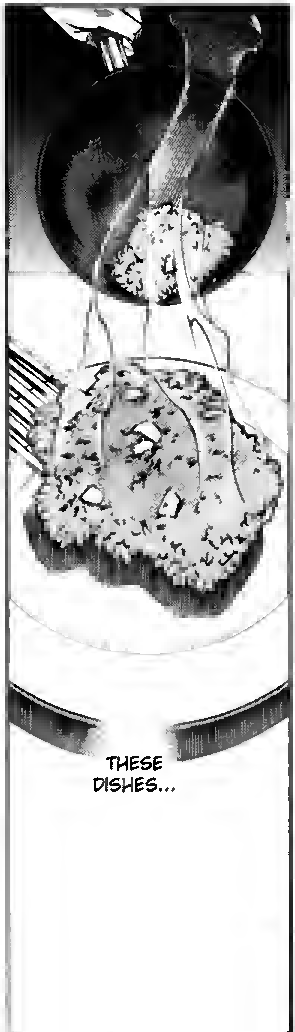

THESE DISHES...

A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENED TO ME AFTER WE BROKE UP.

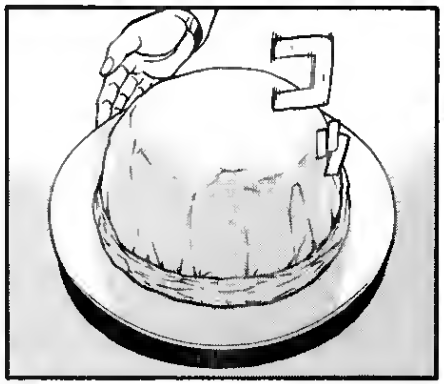
TAKE IT AWAY, PLEASE!
...hold everything I am, from after we parted ways.

EXCUSE ME. YOUR PRIMO IS READY.

ROASTED BAMBOO SHOOT RISOTTO TOPPED WITH PROSCIUTTO.

AMAZING!

EXCUSE ME. YOUR SECONDO IS READY.

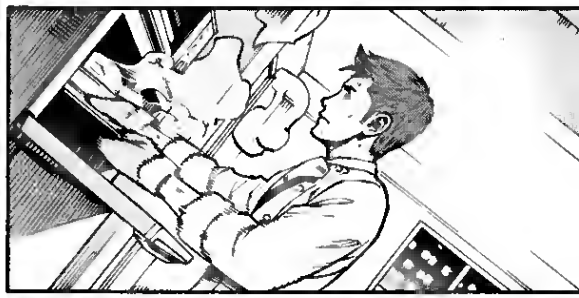


This is my
goodbye
present
to you.

THEY'RE LIKE A BITE OF SPRING ITSELF!

MHMM!

EACH GRAIN OF RICE IS FIRM, JUST RIGHT ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT STILL CREAMY ON THE INSIDE.
AND THE CRISP BAMBOO SHOOTS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE DISH...



CONGRATULATIONS, ERI. FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.

SPANISH MACKEREL CARTOCCIO. ENJOY.

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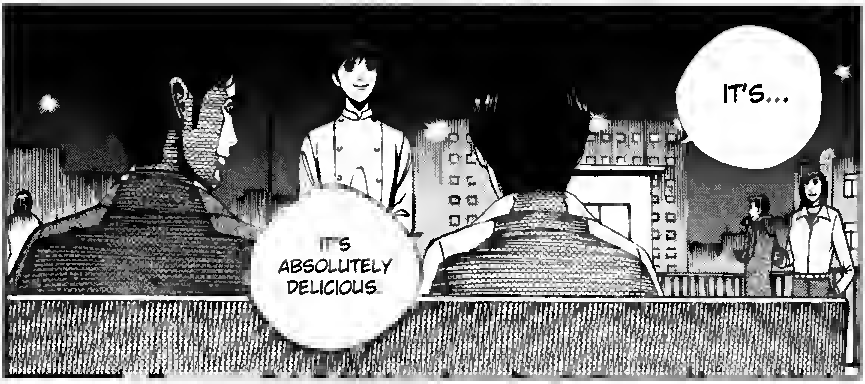

IT'S...
IT'S ABSOLUTELY DELICIOUS.

THE CHEF WHO MADE THIS...
...MUST HAVE TRAINED VERY HARD IN NEW YORK TO COOK LIKE THIS.

HE'S GOING TO WORK WITH ME AT THE RESTAURANT'S NEW BRANCH AS HEAD OF THE PASTA SECTION
YES, HE'S A CO-WORKER.
DO YOU KNOW HIM?
...I SEE.
YES, HE DID...
IT WAS SO HARSH I'M SURPRISED HE DIDN'T GIVE UP HALFWAY.

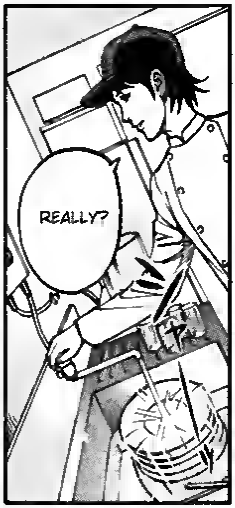
SHE WAS PRETTY CURIOUS ABOUT THE CHEF FROM NEW YORK.

I JUST NEED THEM TO ENJOY THIS CAKE AND THEN I'LL BE HAPPY.
Congratulazioni su matrimonio

ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T NEED TO TALK TO HER?

I TOLD YOU, I ONLY WANT TO WISH THEIR MARRIAGE WELL
IT'S FINE.

WELL, AS LONG AS YOU'RE OKAY WITH LEAVING IT AT THAT.


REALLY?

WHAT COULD I SAY TO ERI, EVEN IF I SAW HER RIGHT NOW?
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WHAT WAS SHE TALKING ABOUT?
IF I...
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IF I SAW HER RIGHT THIS MOMENT...

BAN-CHAN.
IT'S YOU IN THERE, ISN'T IT?

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